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6th. day 7mo. 11 1845 Spent the day in attending to my business at the C.J. House & Recorder where I was detained till a late hour preparatory to leaving home for Fall River in the morning - although D. Read & family were on a visit to Phila. then for Wm. Gaskill within a few days returned from a sojourn of several months in France - Wm. Lambert called with a Mr. Anderson a gentleman from Georgia, and staid part of the eve.

7th. day 12th. After making preparation in executing necessary C.J. House duties - I set off about noon for Fall River where I spent a few hours in my business and Bro. Thomas Isaac Francis on my return.

1st. day 13th. Printed before breakfast some invitations to the Mariners Church & 50 copies of the tracts of the Peace Society for circulation at the Boarding houses for Seamen - Attended meeting as usual and called with Mary Chase & at our Cousin James Arnold's - and saw them first in the Garden - They appear to leave this week on an excursion into the interior of Pennsylvania and perhaps some of the Western States

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2d day 14th Rose early to set off with J. & B. Francis for Fall River where I spent the day in weighing a load of Stones to ascertain the burthen of the Sch. Carrier which was pretty satisfactorily accomplished though slightly interrupted by a severe thunder Gust - attended however with but little rain. Rode home in the eve.

3d day 15th Attended to C.J. House and other business duties

4th day 16th " Still engaged with pressing business cares - rendered rather more onerous by the absence of the young man who has recently given me some assistance. Edm'd left this afternoon for Cam.

5th day 17th Occupied with my business cares and C.J. House duties

6th day 18th Engaged as usual at the C.J. House Sir Thomas arrived this afternoon from Cambridge - the Summer vacation having begun with the end of his junior year - I have attended in order in some carriage the two days to putting things.

1st day 19 Attended to my C.J. House business through the morning intending it till noon when after breaking my fast I set

off for Fall Rivers — where I spent some hours in seeing to my affairs there and on my return bro^t. home Bradford Francis — arriv^d. about half past 9 having stopped at my Sister's in Fall River for my usual draught of Milk

1^st. day 20^th — Rose in time to take a fine Shower bath &c — and to prepare the little messages of Peace with invitations to the Seamen to seek it by attending Divine Service at the bethel — before Breakfast — went to Mtg. as usual and gave my leisure hours to Letters ready — & in some attention to urgent matters of business in hand — a letter to Francis to enable him to settle his accounts at Andover before leaving (in consequence of ill health) the Academy, a little in advance of the regular vacation — We had some expectation that he and Edmund would both be at home last eve^g. called at N. Bed.

2^d. day 1st of 9^th Mo. left pretty early with B. Francis and a horse to try in my team in place of the one which was hurt by the locomotive Engine — he was found a troublesome accompanime

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— I spent most of the day in walking over the Shore farms in Somerset to engage Stones to be transported to the Site of my wharf in my Scow Schr. — my previous arrangements having failed to secure the requisite quantity with the desirable promptitude — walked along some distance on the East Shore with the Same Object — Set off on my return after making my usual Call at my sisters to lead back the horse which we conducted over this morning — This from the temperament of the animal I foresaw would be no trifling effort — I took Ch. Snell with me to the Edge of the Forest — in which Short distance I used expedient to secure his following the wagon proved unsuccessful — when I took the halter to lead him, which his Haggish custom especially when attempting to get him into a trot after walking My wagon horse up hill he made very difficult — he hung back heavily when near

Davis's 4 m. from P.R. Until in my endeavor to hold on my seat was tipped backward with such force that the wagon body was raised from the forward axle, disengaging the connecting bolt which thereon

me out backward but I recovered the shock very favorably on my left shoulder with scarcely any injury — I put the body of Lind wheels out of the travelled path and went with my overcoats &c and the old horse to Mr. Davis' where I deposited them and borrowing a saddle & bridle rode in pursuit of my horse & the four wheels — which I found standing quietly in the road about ½ mile further on — hitching the old horse I returned, took the waggon &c and started homeward again — and with the care which my experience had taught me succeeded in arriving safely abt. 12 Oclk — Edmund arrived this afternoon has left Frank on 7th day somewhat but not seriously ill unwell to come home if not better, in a few days —

3d day 22d. Devoted myself to my C.H. House duties through the day which I also continued till late in the ev — Our children having a party of young folks to visit them including 4 or 5 ant. of the young guests of Caroline Rotch — who came with her sisters Mary & Julia — daughters & son of Prof: Renwick of New York &c —

4th day 23 Occupied through most of the day as in C.H. House &c — Edmund

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and Mary took their last drawing
or Sketching excursion with Mr. Sage
this afternoon — the weather being de-
lightfully favorable for the occasion. but
they were rather delayed by the mis-
management & want of fore-
thought in the Children, in Setting off.
4th day 23d Spent the day in attending to the
business of the Q.G. House & Through
the day & eve
5th day 24th Busily occupied at the Q.
House through the day & eve. This is the
day of the Monthly Meeting — and the
Wilburite Schism has divided it into two
F. & B. Taber Jos. Eddy & others withdrew
to the house of the last named individ-
ual and there held the Monthly Meetg.
My engagements prevented my attendance
but I liked as well to be absent as I take
no part in the Schism and see no adequate
ground for a division in the Society — It
is of late years only that private opinions
have been brot to the scale of a Creed and
those who held them been condemned or
acquitted accordingly — but a life unimpeach-
able among men and practices in con-
formity to the usages of the Society have
formerly been held Sufficient for

church fellowship so far at least as to be create membership — and I very much regret that an approximation of the English part of the Society to the episcopal Church should by their accredited ministers have been set on foot, an imitation here which has led to the present crisis of an open rupture, in what has claimed to be in opposition to ~~the~~ Hicksism the Orthodox part of the Society.

6th day 25 Attended to my concerns at the County House re the subject of converting the Steam Mill into a Cotton Factory having been a subject of anxious consideration — Left J. at home having the company of Walter Underhill and his children at tea — his wife her sister & sister in law were with us after tea.

7th day 26th — Spent the morning & forenoon at the Co House, met Jesse Perry on my way down and had a conversation about Water Street and the obstructions placed in it by Geo Haviland — it has been reported to me that the J.P. had said that A. Thearman blamed me in the matter — He disclaimed however having made such a remark as he had not conversed

with A. S. on the subject, and was not disposed to pass any censure or judgment in the Case — G. H. had decid in his presence recently that his Stones would be removed as soon as the fence on Snider lot was opened — and implied that he was authorized in his course by the tenor of the agreement made by the advice of the Overseers — To correct the false impression which is thus sought to be given of a perfectly intelligible instrument which explains itself fully as to what G H & I respectively agreed to do. though in one respect it warrants an implication which, I did not heed, as in the adjustment of the pre-existing controversy which I then that was effected I deemed it unimportant, but which was wholly unauthorized by any decision of mine at the time, and the Overseers had in their possession conclusive evidence, in a communication addressed by me some weeks previous, rejecting the proposition as then stated by them as indicating what G. H. was disposed to do — and especially objecting to the implication which the present phrase now be — introduced into the memo —

of agreement, seemed to warrant — To correct this false impression I told him that I proposed to publish the exact agreement — that the public could see who was right and who was wrong in the matter — hm. after dinner I set off for Fall River to see after my whit business — and got home again about half past 10 O'Clk

1st day 27th prepared some Temp. Day Roan Tracts for distribution ~~after~~ at the Boarding Houses for Seamen with invitations to the Bethel — attended Meetings as usual — these were small owing to the weather which was raining in the forenoon and to the Secession of some of the members Francis Lahier & others — I passed the day otherwise at home read part of an interesting review of the life & writings of Thos Arnold. In the ev. called at Sister Ames's to talk to Andr. & her about their going to Newport, which as one of the proprietors of Bellevue who has not been once to see the house since its enlargement and alterations were projected I was in hope that they would make that visit I found that the illness of Sophia Perkins Step mother from which she was not

expected to recover could not be the case — Alanson & Martha were there the latter having been there a week or two on her summer visit

2. day 28th set off pretty early with I. Francis for Fall River — Spent the day there in looking after my wharf business in its various departments — which detained me till rather late so that I did not get home till about 11 Oclk having called at my sister Lydias to take my evg draught —

3. day 29th Occupied at the Cg House thro' the day & evg —

4th day 30th I spent the evg. at the Cg House and after breakfast rec'd a note from Mr. Bacon, tendering his resignation to the Trustees of the Academy of the Office of Principal preceptor which he has for a series of years very satisfactorily filled. as far as the trustees are concerned — his health is mentioned as the prominent cause. though doubtless the unmerited censure which has been cast upon him by a part of the Community consequent upon the withdrawal of Abby Osgood as assis-

tant teacher has much to do with his decision — I regret that any such causes should deprive the youth of our town of so good an instructer and the place of an excellent a citizen and so good a man — I called with the letter at Uncle Wm's to give it to the Lees — Benj.n S. Rotch who has been partially confined to the house by ill health — but he was out — Spent the rem.r of the day & eve.g principally at the Cg. House — Ma chere H and the 4 elder Children took tea at my bro.r Benj.n's where was a family party for Caroline Rotch & her sister Julia Rhinelander — a Thunder Storm in the eve.g probably made the visit less gay but more rational — and the ride home somewhat alarming to the more timid natures but justly striking and grand to the thoughtful observers of the phenomena of the visible creation

5.th day 31.st Gave my time to the business of the Cg. House &c till the hour of dinner when having dined I set off for Fall River to make the monthly settlement with my men — reached there about 5½ O'clk and took tea (supper) at my brother

in laws M. H. Ruggles and spent the evg and night there — writing till very late —

6th Day 1 of 8th Mo Rose early at Fall River and set off for home where I arrived at 8 Oclk & devoted the remainder of the day to the various claims on my attention at home and at the C.G. House excepting a nap of an hour before dinner to compensate for deficient sleep the last night — after tea attended at the Summons of the Secy of the Trustees of Friends Academy for a meeting at the Office of my uncle Wilkins — As there was not a quorum present the subject of the meeting (the tendered resignation of Mr Reame the Principal) could not be formally considered and the Mg was adjourned to the Office of B & W Hatch at 12 Oclk to-morrow —

7th Day 2 — Our sons Thomas and Frank inclining to go to Fall River to day I remained at home to attend to my pressing C.G. House duties — which also prevented my being at the Adj. Mg of the Trustees of the Acady which was fully attended by those who of late years manifest any interest in the Institution, who were in town — My uncle only excepted, who age prevented his being

his house to be present — The resignation offered by Mr B. was considered and much regret manifested at the conclusion at which he had come — and the Standing Comtt were instructed to see him and if possible remove the objections which he felt to a continuance in the Station and induce him to withdraw the document — in case of their failing the resignation was accepted to take effect at such time as the Comtt might in conference with Mr B. determine upon — They were authorized to make arrangements for the readmission of boys at the Academy after the close of the present term if by them deemed expedient — After tea by appointment I with my associates of the Comtt called at Mr B's house and had a conference of an hour or more — but we parted without his indicating much probability of a change in his decision — the result of his more deliberate conclusion are however to be given us in writing — At the close of the interviews I went to the Cp. House and was occupied there till quite a late hour —

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1st day 5. Rose early, as usual took a shower bath and prepared some Peace pamphlets to distribute at the Seamens boarding Houses and bear an invitation to the inmates to attend at the Religious Services of the Sabbath — Went to Meeting as usual, ~~and attended at the Ref. to see Catherine Hanby &~~ and spent the rest of the day at home ~~Sth Hicks~~ close of the afternoon meeting I was accosted by Saml Evans of Jersey City a birth right Member of our Society, who was here on his return from an Eastern journey to look after some land which had recently fallen to him — he had been longer from home than he expected and was short of funds — to aid him in his embarrassing circumstances I invited him to pass the night with me and I would send him on his way in the morning which he accepted and took tea and talked till bed time on various subjects, not sparing severe animadversions on the British Ministry as he deemed it — the family except myself went to the Episcopal Ch. or to Washington Hall to hear the temperance address of Mr. ~~Abbott~~ J. Hoe assistant Ch. Owen —

2d day 4th Devoted myself to the business of the Office & through the day

road by — calling late at A. Roberson's to try to induce him to go with me to Fall River to look after the concerns of the Bellevue House the Lessee having been quite urgent of late for me to come there

3d. day 5th. Made some preparation at the C.J. House for leaving home, and at the departure of the morning train I was on the way to New York via Fall River with A. Roberson — On reaching the latter place I stopped to see a little after my whf. business — and to give in charge my wishes in relation to the review by the Cy. Com.rs of the location of the river road on which business they were to be at F.R. to day after which we set off in Wm. R Roberson's buggy & two horses for Newport — Stopped at the Bellevue at 11½ Oclk. and showed A.R. about the premises which he had not seen since the alterations, with which he appeared to be well satisfied — The great inconvenience of the place is the want of water — the large well having been spoiled, as is supposed by some impure current finding its way through the inclining strata of the rock which lies in this part of the town but a little below the surface — For this there is no immediate permanent remedy — and we could do no more than to arrange by means of another

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forcing pump to be placed in the passage between the kitchen and main building about 9 ft. above the floor, to be worked from a platform about as high as the door casings, so as to fill from a hogshead a little sunken into the ground to be supplied from another hogshead filled at distant sources and moved on wheels, the cisterns in the drying room which supply the steam boiler and — the washing water, when the rain water fails, as it has already done, in the cistern whence the latter supply was expected to be drawn — we walked round the ruin of the Ocean House — and I took measures for carrying the plan for supplying the House with pure water into effect — which occupied me till the time proposed for setting off on our return — But finding ourselves too late to get to F.R. in time for the Cars — A.R. stopped to ride out of town to see his daughter in Law Mary who has been some weeks from home in Fall River — We reached Fall River about 6½ P.M. where I remained for the night at my sisters, Nelly on the 4th Com. 4th day P — Walked to the wharf to before breakfast — after that usual went to the

Shore to meet the Cy. Com.rs They were delayed in their attendance so that the forenoon was principally consumed by their business — I then saw Oliver Simmons about a supply of basking Stones for my whf. wall — and at 1 Oclk I set off for Dighton his place of Residence to see the Stones and place of basking — In the ride I was induced to alight at several points to gather some of the blackberries which abounded by the road side — Examined the margin of broad Cove and concluded to have the Schr. loaded on 3.d of next week — On the ride home I stopped at Attmore to see the State of my whf. there — saw Jr Benj.n Dean — the two Capt.s Hathaways &c — arrived at home about 10 Oclk

5.th day 8.th Assiduously engaged in Cy. House duties &c throughout the day — and the first of the day the arrival of one of the workmen from Newport with his acct. against the Bellevue House detained me so that I was late in joining my wife & family at the party of Mrs. Deane, which was a very pleasant one, called to see my Uncle Wm who is ingaged to the Bellevue

6.th day 9.th Spent the day in attending to Cy. House duties — wherein I returned in the ev.

7.th day Cy. House duties &c occupied me this day — at Mothers with machine Wm & Thos & A Robinson

family to tea including A. Tucker who arrived in the Cars this eg from Boston —
1st Day 16th rose early and prepared the peace tracts for distribution before breakfast — attended Mg. as usual and passed the rest of the day at home — in the eg made a call at my brothers and then to A.G. Shelli's and the Cg House to make some preparation for leaving home for Providence to morrow.
2d day 17th made preparation for setting off for Prov.ce via Fall River, in the wagon with Jos B. Francis — but rain coming on I left the wagon and took the Cg the in my way took a seat in the R.R. car for F.R. — on arrival there took the Steam Boat for Providence where we arrived at 11. O'clk called at J.D. Browns where I found Mr Tompkins — visited with him the Steam Cott.s Manufy. where I found that Jabez Fisher was agent — who was very kind in showing us over the establishment — stopped at a public house to dine and then took a Gig and rode out to Slatersville to see the manufactories there having obtained a letter of introduction to William Slater the Son of the late John Slater and nephew of Samuel Slater who first introduced Cotton Spinning into

the United States — after passing through Several villages including old Woonsocket we arrived at Statesville about 18 miles from Providence about 7 O'Clock — it is a very pleasant neat and comfortable village with two large and one small manufactory have about 11.000 Spindles altogether the two largest built in the life time of Mr Slater's father — and rented for some years to a Mr Lockwood — the other built two or three years since by Mr Slater and run by him it has 1600 Spindles and makes a light printing cloth No 26 in a very economical manner — the machinery is of the most perfect kind and — Mr S. was very polite and frank and friendly in attending us over his pretty establishment which does credit to his Skill and taste in the fact that he is able to make his cloth as cheaply if not more so than any of the larger establishments of the Country — we called upon him after taking Supper at the Public house when he very agreed to Show us over his mills on 3. day 12th when it was about 7 O'Clock that the visit above mentioned was made — after Slater's Stripping ourselves as his mill he accompanied us to the others — when

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I begged him to leave us as he had told us the eve. before that he had to go from home to day — after his departure we went through the two manufactories — and then set off on our return taking Woonsocket. Lonsdale Valley Scituate in our route — at the last named place I endeavored to see Harvey or Saml. Chace the owners of a large Cotton Mills whom I had known as Fall River but I was disappointed in in the attempt — we passed however through the establishment as we did into one room at Lonsdale into which we were shown by Mr. Kelley son of the agent — to see the English fly frames — On nearing town (Providence) we called at the office of Jno. D Brown where I remained with Mr. Tompkins till called for by the coach to take me to the R.R. depot — arrived at N.B. at the usual hour, when I stopped to see to some things at the Ofc. Store — and came between 8 & 9 — found that our children had not returned from their home visit / and the weather being fine with a moon to enlighten them / they protracted their stay — so that they did not get home till 10 or 6 Oclk. making Ma chary to quite anxious about them — M. Underhill & B

Spun & mid Doors called in the eg. nights
(the two former at least by some anxiety a-
bout the Honeymoon Party —
4th Day 13th. The duties of the Cg House
claimed my attention, together with
the misfortune of breaking the Cylinder
of the Fancy Press at the Oil works in
my late absence which took up a consider-
able part of the afternoon — occupied
me through the day and eg — Ma chere
H is quite ill to day Having had a
fainting turn which resulted in fall with
a bruise upon her forhead and risk of
setting fire to her clothes with the can-
dle, in the night. — She had issued in-
vitations to some of our friends for a
visit this eg — which she was obliged to
withdraw — Dr Read was called in
to day — I trust that she will be restored
to health in a few days
5th Day 14th. Occupied through the day and
at the Cg House the 6th day 15th & 6th eg. the Party of
the Academy School-ars: this being the close
of the Summer term — it was very fully
attended and as heretofore very pleasant
— I retired early with Mary and Thos
to be at Jos Gummell's where we were
invited to meet their guests the Great Man

of our Country the Hon.ble Daniel Webster & his wife — It was a matter of regret that Mrs Chas H. could not be there, as she would have enjoyed meeting this distinguished couple — Mrs W. is a fine looking woman of a noble presence befitting the consort of so eminent a man — he is very simple and friendly in his manners — and it was a frequent source of mortifying reflection that the blindness and profligacy of party should have deprived the country, in its highest Office, of the eminent talents and Statesmanship of Webster or his great compeer Henry Clay, and placed an insignificant tool of party into the Presidential Chair — The bitter fruits of which madness and delusion we soon now likely to taste in the impending war with Mexico — which though not very distressing to the country at large may be the ruin of the prosperity of this town and of the other adjoining ports — We got home about 11 Oclk — The company was smaller than it would have been but for the fatal illness under which Susan Barney is lingering. Our younger children returned soon after from the Academy party — which they

Week was pleasant to its close
4th Day 16th. Rose early to write to Hawes by
the Steamer from Boston for Liverpool of
this day and spent the day & eg in my
Cg. House business — where I was till a very
late hour — ma chere & pretty wife
again &c. as to be below Stairs —
5th Day 17th Rose early and prepared
the Papers for circulation among the
Seamen Boarding Houses viz One of the tracts
of the Am. Peace Society which seem not
inapposite to these times of rumors of war
the consequence of the profligate course of
a profligate party in annexing Texas a
province of Mexico to maintain the ascen-
dency of the Slave tyrants of the South in
this boasted land of Liberty — attended
Mg. as usual — rem. of the day chiefly
spent in study — including part of the review
of the life of Dr. Arnold — made an er-
rand to the Store and called to see Isaac
Francis afterward
2 day 18th Assiduously engaged in busi-
ness Cares and duties — had a call from
Mr. Dean the Mechanic from Taunton
— which prevented my having the time
to make a call on Mr. Webster — &c —

as a matter of Ceremony I think of no Consequence — Had ma chere been well enough to call on Mrs Webster I should have been glad — Thos Lobdell has been on another journey to Havemeyerville 3. day 19th Busily engaged in Cg House duties &c &c Through the day and Evg. ~~left day 20th~~ Occupied as usual at the Cg House; had Caleb Winslow one of our Sons' Class mates at Haverford at tea &c — went to the Cg House after tea

4th day 20 — At the Cg House this day — Evg at home — had a visit from Charles Smith of Phila and Anna Smith of Phila &c

5th day 21 At the Store nearly all day — had H D Richmond & Co's men to repair the Pipes of the hot water Kettle which after spending much time in attempting to do without removing them was finally obliged to have recourse to that expedient and cut them off and took them to the Shop to repair — Evg at the Cg House — ma chere & Lizzie went at Mr Underhills this Evg Their &c with our two elder children viz Mary & Thos on an Excursion to Petonpsicus —

whence they have not returned at 11 Oclk
6th day 22d C.G. House engagements have occupied me throughout the day with slight exception - evg also devoted to same objects
7th day 23d Occupied as of late in my C.G. Hse & business engagements which confined me till quite late at the Office -
1st day 24th Went to the C.G. soon before breakfast - and took a very refreshing bath in the dock - went to Friends Mtg as usual in the forenoon - and after a siesta in the afternoon went to the C.G. Hse. heavy liabilities falling due making it necessary to look somewhat particularly into my account - C.G. partly at C.W. Morgans to get his advice on the propriety of converting the Steam Mill into a Cotton Manufy - which was favorable to the project -
2d day 25th Went to the C.G. Hse before breakfast and to the Bank Directors meeting after that meal - rest of the day mainly at the C.G. House &c and in the evg. had a conference with L.S. Tompkins and A.G. Snell in regard to the Cotton Manufy. Saw a rather remarkable meteor on the way to the Stone
3d day 26 Occupied at the C.G. House throughout the day mainly employed

in preparing my Meteorological notes to send to Washington &c — & J. then also — went to the R.R. Depot to see Snell & Tompkins who go the former to Providence and the latter to Taunton about the Cotton Manufactory — Our Thomas also was a passenger in the Cars — he going to Boston to attend the Semi Centennial Anniversary of the Hasty Pudding Club — of which he was made a member during the last term at Cambridge — He expects to return to-morrow for a day or two before he joins his Class for the closing year of his Collegiate Course

4th day 29th Occupied with my usual cares and duties at the Cg House &c through the day — had the Compy. of Eunice Mitchell and her grand daughters to tea also Sister Eliza — mother was expected but a little rain and a threatening of more discouraged her from coming out

5th day 30 Attended to my usual business duties through the day and eve at the Cg. House &c — Edward Mason & Robert

6th day 31st Occupied as usual this the day — had Mary Underhill with us at dinner & tea — with the addition at the

letter read of C.H. Morgan ~~Lydia G. Hayden~~ Isabel McLambert and Mr. Woodbury of Alabama son of the late Secy. of the Treas — who is an intelligent and agreeable man — Thos. was necessarily absent in the eve'g. in making farewell calls on his friends as he expects to leave for Cambridge tomorrow — I went to the Cg House to secure the body after our friends retired — Clara Morgan was here with her father — whose family is now reduced to themselves alone save their domestic assistants — Sister Sarah Emily & her infant & nurse. Eliz: & Rodman with our Susan have left town for Dedham yesterday afternoon to visit Isabel who is at School there — W.J. Notch accompanying them from Boston where he went a day or two since with his uncle Chester Smith.

7th day 30th Went to the Cg House as usual before breakfast — and spent the forenoon principally there preparg. to leave town to see after my wharfg business at Fall River — left home at 1 P.M. took West-Port in my way with reference to my Cotton Mang enterprise — and returned after calleg at my sisters at dinner and all at home with the two Francis a g'd

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1st day 31st — Rose early and prepared my Peace Pamphlets for circulation and made some further experiment in type setting — the very tiring weekly Changes scarcely keeping my hand in — attended Meeting as usual and remained at home the rest of the day, called at Mothers in the evg — and went quite late to the Office to prepare for the Express mail for St. John — On returning home I was kept up most of the night in making settlements of the accts. of my Fall River workmen, a lounge on the Sofa answering for a short nap — towards Sunrise

2d day 9 mo. 1st — busily occupied till the start of the Cars in preparing letters to go Fall River — afterward at the Office, after dinner took a long Siesta — and spent the latter part of the afternoon & eve at the Office — Bro Frank left for Andover to close his affairs there preparatory returning his trunks &c to the Asylum

3d day 2d — Started pretty early in the wagon for Fall River with B. Francis — Spent the day there in attending to my voluminous business and examining the Cotton Machinery &c of the Quequechan Mill — returned home about 8 o'clk — found

our neighbor Anna Arnold making a call — Cousin Sarah being yet detained by sickness at Springfield —

4th Day 3. Occupied at the C.J. House & thro' the day — eve. at home to meet a family party including Uncle & Aunt Potter & mother & sister & Eliz. & Mary Fisher & Sarah Minturn who with Ch. F. came on 2d day from Newport bro' Mrs. Jam. Ch. Morgan of Phila. & Mr. Lothrop Motley & wife & Mr. Hackpole & wife of Boston & A. Binney, C. W. Morgan & Ch. Fisher & bro: Dan being on a fishing expedition to Nonamesset.

5th Day 4th. Occupied at the C.J. House & thro' the day and eve. — Ed & Mary at Wm. R. Potter's eve.

6th Day — Engaged by my business carry through the day & eve.

7th day 6th occupied at the C.J. House in the Morn. & forenoon I had intended to go to Fall River but was prevented by the lameness of my horse — called at my uncle Wm's in relation to the Bellevue Estate and was disappointed in finding that he could not aid me to the funds for my part of that expenditure went to the amt. that I had already rec'd for that Object. — Over dinner Susan & this afternoon with her aunt Morgan's party from Lenox, in good health — and

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found the Joint very pleasant — Spent
ad a late mg. at the Mg House —
1st day 7th Prepared some Peace pam-
phlets for distribution at the Sailor Mg.
Houses — Went to Mg. as usual in the forenoon
— afternoon at the Methodist Church. and
at the close of the Service went to Friends
Meeting — But an alarm of fire dispersed
the Congregation — a barn on the lot at
the corner of Grenell & Mg Sts — our appren-
dage to the house built by the late Seth
Russell — it was not permitted to spread
as it was controlled before the fire was
generally known through — but for this
circumstance it must have spread dis-
astrously as the wind was very high —
after tea made some calls with expec-
tation to meet Lindley Fisher — but failed in
my errand — called at Wm Thos & Hester Sands
to see the ages, Friends from Indiana the eve
2d day & Went to the Mg House before bk
fast and after that usual set off for F.
River where I finished the day and got
home about 10 o'c Pm bringing B Francis
little daughter with me to her home —
the journey was less pleasant from the fact
that the horse was lame — Our Mary had
a visit from the Misses Hobby's & to tea today —

3d day 9th. At the Cg House &c as usual through most of the day & Evg — Called after breakfast on Charles & Luidby Fisher to ask them to dine but they were engaged at my bro. Wm's —
4th day 10th. Invited my Bro. to the young men from Wakefields to dine with us to day — which they did in an unceremonious way and left early after to prepare for returning their journey homewards — Ch. goes direct with his Sister Mary and Sarah Foster, and Luidby takes Providence and Boston on business in his route — I devoted the time not occupied with our guests &c at the Cg House — and was there in the Evg — Mary Fisher called to take leave —
5th day 11th. Occupied at the Store &c this the day and evg — The forenoon after the arrival of the Cars and till the departure of them in the afternoon was spent in making or completing a contract with Dean & Morse of Taunton for the Cotton Machinery of the Steam Mill — We found that the amt. of the Machinery and the time when they would bind themselves to complete it much greater than I anticipated, which made the undertaking look more formidable than I had imagined though it always was viewed by me with anxiety — What may be the

34 sible time must be left to determine
Should it be unfavorable my neighbor Gov.
Howland's revenge may be glutted in my
pecuniary embarassment or ruin for to his
unparalleled and unprovoked hostility the pro-
ject is to be remotely ascribed — a hostility
which has set at naught every principle
of honor or honesty — and needs only to
be known in its course and progressive
developements to bring upon him the in-
dignation and Scorn of all fair minded
and honest men — But his wealth
and the influence which this gives him
prevents in our busy town much atten-
tion to the matters which prove the jus-
tice of these remarks — Our little Ellen
had a party of her little friends to visit
her this afternoon and the little com-
pany gave the usual manifestations
of juvenile happiness — I did not
come from the C. H. till the major part
of them had left to return at a seasonable
hour to their homes.

6th Day 12th Devoted myself to my C. H. duties
& through the day & till very late in the eve-
7th day 13th Went to Fall River with little
Ellen in the morning and spent the day in
seeing after my concerns there — I find that

the mud is deepening so fast on the north wall that that it will not do to go much further without a raft of logs — and as these cannot be prepared before winter I suppose 2 weeks more will finish my wall and my business — little Ellen returned in the Cars with her uncle Ch? & cousins Eliz? & Clara — I came with J & R Francis and got here about 10 Oclk

1st day 14th — prepared some Peace Pamphlets for circulation and attended meetings as usual — Rem? at home. Otherwise through the day in the wg called at Mothers

2d day 15th I had expected to go to Fall River to day but finding that Seth H Ingalls could not leave his present work on the line of the new Rail Road through Bridgewater &c to Boston I omitted the visit — wg. and day devoted to business duties at the Cg House &c

3d day 16th Engaged as usual at the Cg House &c through the day & wg — Our son Edmund did not arrive to day as we expected — he having been induced to stop another day in Newyork

4th day 17th Spent the day principally at the Cg House &c Our son Edm? arrived

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with his uncle Edmund from Newyork by the early cars — Evg. at the Stone

5th day 18th — Had an interview with Milton Hall of Newport who occupied the ~~Athenæum~~ at the Stone with reference to the Bellevue House — but nothing definite was decided. devoted the day to business principally — at the Cg House as usual

6th day Spent the day at the Cg House — evg. at a meeting of the Ex. com. of the Port Society — and at sister Annes where was a family party including Uncle Wm & wife & my mother — Edmund D. Read in Yesterday the one on Edm? who has been unwell since his return — his uncle Edm? is also unwell to bed — he has been but little abroad to day and Edm? on Still above Stairs

7th day 20th Spent the day in the discharge of Cg House duties — I was there till pretty late in the evg. Mrs Chase & Mary left in the cars for Boston & Cambridge to visit Rowse and attend to some matters of business It was their intention to go this morning but the sick's position in the family induced them to postpone their departure till the afternoon that they judge of the propriety of

leave q. Hour —
1st day 21 Attended meeting in the fore noon as usual in the afternoon went with Sister P. to hear Dr Cracken of Providence at the Episcopal Church — Rem: of the day at home. Mr Eaton called in the evg called at Mother's Chas Hyn's at the two last places to get their ideas about the road at Fall River near the River which it is desirable sh? be discontin? in that part S? of Cedar St. nothing having been done towards making it as yet I expect to go to Fall River tomorrow mainly on that business — Rodman Wharton called here but I being out and the others absent Sarah he did not come in —
2? day 22? Went pretty early to Fall River to see Henry Chace and others about the proposed Change in the location of the Pownall ville roads, in such way that it would follow the land allotted for Danforth Street on the Map of the farm — gave some attention to my whfg business — and returned home in the evg. after taking Supper at my Sister's
3? day 23. — devoted the day with Wm W. Hazard to the accounts relating to the Pole Vue improvements evg. also devoted to

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the same business
4th. day 24th. devoted this day also to the affairs of Hazard & Armstrong and those relating to the Belle Vue House which detained me till a late hour — called on my way home to consult with A. Robeson relative to the adjustment of the rent with the Lessees under the agreement which formed the basis of the engagements here — Mr. Chere H. and daughter Mary & Jas returned this evg. from Boston I did not see them before they retired —
5th. day 25 rose early and applied again to the settlement with N. W. H. which was before my late breakfast so far arranged as to be ready to submit it for the consideration of the other Proprietors — had after some delay a meeting of the other owners at A. Robeson's Office where the plan of adjustment was agreed upon and I returned to the Office to carry it into effect — which was so far accomplished as to permit of N. W. H's return by the afternoon train — Spent the latter part of the afternoon and evg. in relation to the same business —
6th. day 26th. I have spent my time in

completing the entries relating to Belec Van Horne — Mother E. Fisher & Sister Elsie dined and took tea with us — I was at the Off. the latter part of the afternoon —

7th day 27th Spent the morning and forenoon at the Off. and in the afternoon went to Fall River to bring home my Chief Wall builders — &c — got home about 9 in Evg —

1st day 28th Rose early and did my accustomed printing to call the Seamen to worship at the Bethel — attended Meeting as usual and called in the Evg. at Mothers and at C. W. Morgan's — at the latter to consult with them respecting Send our daughter Susan to Lenox the next Summer as a Scholar with Mrs Sedgwick, which Subject occupied our thoughts considerably to day

2d day 29th Went early to Fall River with the two Francis' and Spent the day in attending to my Concerns there, returned at Evg —

3 day 30th Went again to Fall River and Spent the day principally with reference to the Sawing of the Surface, where the Bank has been removed below the Rail Road and — of that in and bordering Cedar St. — the latter preliminary to the excavation

to grade it and to get earth for completing the filling within the breast Wall which I have had built this Season between my Walls running into the river — Simeon Borden being the Engineer with two young men assisting viz John Hodges and Esq. Winslow — They did not complete the job and I remained one night to be present at its completion in the morning and to make the monthly settlement with my workmen — Spent the eve. in my Calculations. and the night at Lemuel Ruggles' — They had some of their friends to tea to be but I could not join the Party

4th day (Fall River) Rain in the morn. & forenoon prevents our proceeding with the levelling Survey — but in the afternoon we went on nearly to completion — made some investigation of some reports unfavorable to to my Chief Engineer, but I think they are mainly attributable to prejudice in my disfavor. called on Ford & Millers in the eve. and settled their acct. subject to review in one point — Spent the latter part of the eve. with M. H. R's family & Mr. Perry Julia Wright's lover, who appears to be a

very worthy young man — now about entering on his Divinity Studies

5th Day 2d — Spent the M & Forenoon in arranging my plan for removg. earth from Cedar St to fill the cavity within the brick wall of my Wharf. Afternoon Crossed to Lonisburg to settle for the Caulking Stones procured by the Carrier — Saw a quantity of the Gentian (blue) plant in flowers which is very beautiful — I wished to cross the river opposite Steep brook, but no boat being promptly at Command Returned by the ferry (Ruby) and took a Seat in the Cars for N. Bedford at 5 O Clk. — when about 2 miles from Myers — the Engine & train ran off the rails in consequence of the Switch not being turned right after letting off some wood Cars — But Providentially no body was hurt though the risk was imminent — I walked home as did many others, distance about 12 miles or more —

6th Day 3d Devoted most of the day to Official duties made a call at the Academy to see Simon Barrows who is a candidate for Mr Beans place as Principal — In the eve attended a M.S. of the Trustees at my Uncle Wm Hill's Office — and appointed a B. for the

ven: of the Academical year
7th Day 4th Called with ma cheer & and Mary to see my bd W. D. Fish and his wife who are here yesterday to make a short visit to their relations and friends here. devoted the ven: of the day & eve principally to C.J. the duties —
1st Day 5th — Attended Meeting as usual in the forenoon and in the afternoon at Jos Eddy's heard the Wilburites and their ways — Nathan Page from the East was there who gave a good exhortation, probably about 50 present ven: of the day & eve at home — Wm Foster and Chr. Sarah L Isabel called — Charlotte is just returned from her School in Leroy — Our Susan has been quite ill for the last 36 hours with one of her bilious attacks — but she is now pleasantly relieved and I hope that she will soon be restored to her usual delicate health —
2d day 6th Engaged in my C.J. House and other duties Called at Mothers to see W & S Fisher's — our dr Susan still quite unwell ma cheer Hetta much oppressed with a cold affecting the Lungs
3d day 7th C.J. House employments engaged most of my time — having reference

in part to a review of documents relating to my Controversy with Eld. Howland - my time Spent at that place —

4th Day 8th Made preparation in the forenoon & went to go to Fall River for which place Set off about 9½ Oclk. Stopped at my Sister L and Spent the afternoon in attending to my Concerns there — The men being employed in removing earth from the Street running to the wharf to widen and grade it and to obtain the material for filling in the remaining Space between the Shore and the Breast Wall — returned at 4 P.M. & reached home about 9½ Oclk.

5th Day 9th Occupied through the day and eve. in relation to my business affairs &c

6th Day 10th Called to see Mrs Sarah Fisher and took bro: Wm in my buggy to make Several Calls on his old friends or their descendents — and to Show him a little of the extension of the Town towards the South since he left it in 1872 when he made his last visit — he retains a vivid recollection of persons with whom he was familiar and incidents which occurred in his apprenticeship and the early years of his adult life which were passed here — Devoted the rem.r of

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the day to employment as the G. Howland &c also the writing the documents relg. to the hostile action of Geo. Howland, of which I have had copies made for convenient reference — Susan is better, as is also our Church whose cold was so severe on yesterday as to confine her to her bed.

7th. day 11th. Spent the morng & forenoon in relation to the G. Howland documents, called before dinner to see my brother and Sister Fisher — and again in the afternoon — I had hoped to take Wm. to Wm. A. Wall's Painting Room but the weather was unfavorable — made some examination of the operations to strengthen the foundation of the building on the West to fit it for a Cotton Manufy. We had expected to have mothers family with their guests to dine with us but on acct. of my wife's indisposition they came only for an afternoon visit — I called to wait upon them here and rode in mothers Carriage with her Wm. & Sarah — the weather has been raining — but it cleared before we sat off so that there was no objectionable exposure in making the transits or acct. of the weather the temperature being very mild. On Sister Sarah's as well as on mothers acct. this was very favorable as Sister S. has not been well since since the 1st

home Mor indeed for some time before, and in addition to her previous feeble State she has now a bad cold — Bro. Wm was very feeble when they arrived but he has improved considerable. But he has not been able for 40 years, and was quite ill at Duncannon before they left Penn, we had a very acceptable Visit.

1st day 12th Prepared my Temp. & papers for distribution at the Seamen's Bethel, Called to take leave of Bro. & Sister Fisher, went to the Mariners Church in the forenoon; to Friends meeting the afternoon and to the Anniversary Meeting of the Dorcas Society in the evg. Wm Wister Called but I was not at home to share in his visit —

2d day 13 — Rose early and went to Falls River — to see after my own affairs and attend the Meeting of the Pearsall Mem. Ch — Dined at Sister Lydia's and was sorry to find Sister Fisher so much unwell as to be obliged to take to her bed instead of setting off for home as they expected to this afternoon — I got home at 9 Oclk. —

3d day 14th Attended to my Concerns at home walked before breakfast to my north Lots and made some examination with reference to running Streets through and making building lots for which the demand in that part of the Town begins to be pretty active — By running through Pleasant

16 Street & State Street to my North line intersecting the road now open through the land it will make very pleasant building lots the width East & West 370.4 & 343.0 ft. 100 Sides. 375 ft. & length about 975 ft. If a Street 50 ft wide were laid out through the centre from E to W the lots on each side wd be 162 to 165 ft deep, 2 Streets crossing 412 ft. each North & South would (if so run as to make lots of equal width which will not be the case on contour Pleasant & State Streets) make the lots from 290 to 310 ft in that Direction — and there 3 Streets wd take abt 1 10/16 acres reducing the qty for sale from 8 1/2 to 6 14/16 a or 1100 Rods which 120 Rod wd amt to about 22000 ft. attended the Lyceum lecture by the Rev Geo Hill and 4th day 15th Made preparation in the morning for leaving for Fall River & set off about 9 Oclk — this being the day for the Select men of that Town View the land allotted for Dunforth &c on the map of the Rodman Farm — saw one of them after they left the ground and gave the assurance that the heirs of my father would claim no damages if the street were to be opened and accepted by the Town — Spent the day in seeing after my business there and returned towards evg got home about 9 Oclk —

5th day 16th Occupied about the Steam Mill Oil works & Leg. House — except that in the afternoon I went to the Funeral of our neighbor Susan R Barney who died yesterday forenoon — after a linger-

ing illness of several months — at the Cg. House in the evg. to write a letter of enquiry to F. A. Wells Boston respecting Wm D. Taber I having given him an introduction to him on the 18th ult. for business objects relating to W. D. T's proposed business establishment at Buffalo N.Y. — His Uncle Jos. Taber has just informed me to day that his friends had heard nothing from him since the 23 ult. and were very anxious about him —

6th. day 17th. Attended to my Concerns at the Cg. House &c — and went in the evg. to the Lyceum and heard an excellent lecture from Rev. Orville Dewey of New York on the dignity of labour

7th. day 18th. Went to the Cg. House before breakfast and after that meal with Willard Sears to view a piece of land at Clarks Point which we have concluded to buy at his Suggestion together 21 acres for $2500 — afterwards at the Cg House — then to Fall River where I got home about 9 Oclk — I yesterday had the lining of the Library Stove so filled as effectually (I think) to stop the escape of the Gas into the hot air Chamber and thence into the Room, which has been sometimes very annoying — a letter from F. A. Wells informs me that Wm D. Taber is still in Boston which letter I have handed to his Uncle

1st. day 19th. Attended Meetings and

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in the ev.g. went to the Unitarian meeting and heard an excellent Sermon from the Rev. O. Dewey — on Love as the great Bond of Union among Christians — which may and does unite into one brotherhood all who are actuated by the Love of Christ, — however diverse their forms and doctrines, a union in Spite of their Speculative differences & in some cases their lack of Charity which makes suspicion of each other on these points conceal from themselves the bond of union which really exists — Edm.d & Mary were also there —

2.d day 20.th Set off very early for Newport via Fall River, left the latter place at 8 and reached Newport abt 10.h — Staid till 4 P.M. in relation to the State of the Bellevue House and the proposed alteration &c &c — got back to Fall River at 7 P.M — having taken in Capt Robert Reynard at the Bridge he having been left by the Steam — I ordered my horse for home but the man mis-understood me, and that I said I should remain — I was therefore so far defeated in carrying out my plan — I made a call at Mark & Luther Anthony's about converting my Small barn into a dwell.g house for 2 Small families. — lodged & at his sisters —

3.d day 21 I spent the forenoon at Fall River

and got home at 2 Oclk. devoted the afternoon to my business Concerns, or to a visit to C Owen (who has been unfaithful in my absence) Attd in the W.J. went to the Lyceum to hear Caleb Cushing (late Embassador to China) lecture on the character & Customs of the Chinese

4th day 22d. Attended to the trial of the new Hydraulic Cylinder at the Oil works and to my C.J House business the through the day & W.J.

5th day 23d. Engaged as usual in my business at the C.J Room, Oil works &c &c

6th day 24th. Occupied as of late at the C.J House &c &c — through the day & W.J. took tea at Mothers — Our young folks having a party at which I could not well be present.

7th day 25 Gave attention to C.J House business thy Mother & forenoon — after dinner went to Fall River and found that the Cut in widening the Road from the wharf was almost Completed — took Supper at H. Ruggles and rode home in the W.J. Ed. & Mary as a Small party at Jos. Grinnells I went with our daughter Susan to Mr. the Dentist — He extracted two of the Grinders which came hard, but the dear girl bore it with a firmness which could not be surpassed She is to go again to have other teeth filled on 2 day next

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1st day 26th prepared some Temp.ce papers to be distributed at the Seamens Boarding Houses on this & the next First day mg.s. attended mtg Adl at Friends House, as home in the afternoon. the hour of assembling having passed unnoticed — called at H. Roberts's. and saw Jon.a Roberts, after mtg — who was with us at tea and part of the evg — after I had seen him safely at his brothers, I made a short call at Mothers. and made another attempt, (the 3.d to day) to see Wm Dorsey but without success —

2.d day 27th Occupied at the Cy Office &c. &c. & evg — had a call from D. Weston & went to the Mtg. of the Ex. Bd. of the Pa. Soc.

3.d day 28th My duties and Cares at the Oil Works Cy Office &c took up most of my time, made a call to see Thos. H. Greene relative to the late rejection by the Lyceum of a Colord applicant for membership — and the vote to sell no more tickets — afterward went to the Lyceum meeting at which the subject was revived by a motion to readmit another Col.d person. and a some excited and acrimonious discussion was manifested — and the question postponed to the adjournment of the mtg. on 4th day evg next — Lecture of Chs. J. Congdon on the Good in the world. went again with Seaton to attend the dentist

4th day 29 Attended to my business concerns through the morning and forenoon had Jon.a Roberson to dine with us and as usual enjoyed his good and cheerful Spirit and pleasant Conversation — left him the latter part of the afternoon and returned to the Cg House — he was engaged at home at tea to his niece her Mother & her husband being expected from Boston —

5th day 30th Occupied mostly at the Cg. House and Oil works — attended to the trial of the Temperance press mainly — with which I have had much trouble in various ways — Spent part at home & then late at the Cg-House — The two elder Children Eat Co-Anthonys party

6th day 31st Spent the day in attending to business at the Oil Works Cg. House &c — Called to See Jn.o & Ann Rathbun as did also Ma chere H. & Mary — Took my 3d meal at Mothers and Spent the Evg. at the meetings of the Ex. Board & the Annual Meeting of the Port Society which were held at the Bethel —

7th day 1st Mo.th Set off about 7 O Clock for Fall River and Spent the day in Selling with my workmen &c left about 5 and

and got home in time to attend the meeting of the Lyceum for considering the application of Nath[l] A Borden for membership — He was rejected and much discussion followed and as it was perfectly evident that his being colored was the objection — a protest of some of the minority was offered which produced quite an excited debate — It was finally withdrawn to offer a motion to rescind the instructions given as the rule on this subject one week, not to sell any more tickets — and to order the treasurer to sell to applicants without regard to sect or party color or complexion —

— the latter part of the resolution with the preamble was stricken out and an amendment ordering sales to white people as heretofore and granting liberty to colored people to occupy the north Gallery gratis — a ruse by which the proscription was sought to be concealed by a semblance of liberality and thus make it the more secure — thereby in effect adding insult to injury — So inveterate is the prejudice against the unfortunate race — in this County

1st day 2d — Attended Meeting as usual and called on Mothers — walked to deliver a letter near my wife — and to see Elsa Hathaway in Little distance in the Country — Eve. partly at home in writg. — Called at S. H. Ingalls and also at Sister Sarah's — Pr. Lambert and B. S. Rotch called in different Stages of the evening — both of whom I saw only for a few minutes —

2 day 3 — Occupied chiefly at the Co House &c — Through the day and eve — learned that the Taught Press by the use of Oil instead of water worked better — the pumps being much tighter in use — and holding the Strain on the press much better than with water —

3d day 4th — Rose early — and spent some time in looking over the draught of a protest to be presented to the Lyceum for record, against the late proceedings in relation to Colored persons — afterwards gave my attention to my affairs at the Co House &c — had a call from Deborah Weston on a message from Jn. F. Emerson respecting the protest — as I should not be able to attend the meeting of the Institution must be offered by him or some one else — had our friends Jon. Roberson and Jos. H. Ann

with us together with Sister Anna Fred.k and Sister Eliza at tea — A thunder Shower about 6 Oclk prevented Mother and some others from being of the party — bro.r Andr.w remains at Fall River to night — Allerton & Martha Tucker whom we also wished to have, left for Boston in the morning train

4.th day 5.th Engaged as usual at the C.J. House & Oil works — met Jos.h Ricketson who informed me that the Lyceum Meeting of last week refused to hear or consider the protest which was attempted to be called up by Jn.o F. Emerson relative to the late action respecting people of Color — returned late from the C.J. House

5.th day 6.th Spent the day at the Oil works C.J. House &c — and part of the ev.g also — The Oil press appears now to work well — the plan of throwing the warm air into the pit of the Oil press succeeds perfectly —

6.th day 7.th At the C.J. House through the day — ev.g with the family except the 3 younger children at a family party at cousin J. Arnolds — Frank & Lue at Uncle Morgans — we had a very pleasant visit

7.th day 8.th Set off at ½ O clock to see after my wharf business there — suggested to Mr. Haines

& M. H. Ruggles my ideas of warming the Cotton
Manfy. which we are preparing here by taking
the warm air from the high detached Chimney
from an air chamber surrounding the smoke
pipe of boiler Iron at the top and bringing it
down outside of the Chimney and under ground
into the building by means of a Fan worked by the
Steam Engine — They thought it feasible — I
spent some time at Mr. House's looking into the
laws of patents &c — and left on my return about
3 O'Clk — reached home about 6 and went to
A. G. Mills & Mr. Tompkins lodgings to see them but
not finding them at home I went to the Whig Hall
and heard a Speech from J. H. Cliffords — Mr. Bacon
of Ohio, then Temp.ce Lecturer called the meeting
Blacksmith L & a few remarks by J. H. N. Parker
— 1st day 9th Printed the papers (Sheet Anchor)
for circulation at the Seamens boarding Houses,
and attended Meeting as usual — Rem.r of the
day at home reading &c — Called for a few min-
utes at the Temp.ce Mtg. at Liberty hall on my
way from the Post Office in the Ev.g — found it
very full — and Clem the Scotchman speak-
ing in his excited Style — the Ohio man hav-
ing spoken previously as I was informed —
2d day 10th Attended at the Town Mtg. to give
my vote for State Officers — and devoted
the rem.r of the day to business at the Office &c

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In the ev'g we had the Comp'y the Misses Watson bro't Ben's family in cl'd Eliz.th Weld Prof.r Elton the Ready Teachers. Mr. Barrows join'd & Misses Willard & Kittridge ass.d — Sister Eliza Lydia Russell & Mrs. Kasson & Eliz.th Chas.man at tea &c — Frank & Chas left to be as a party as D.r Reads and Ed.d to meet his club — The Election resulted favorably in the majority of the whig ticket over all others

3. day 11th Attended to my business cares at the Cg House through the day and in the ev'g at the Lyceum Lecture and heard Prof.r Elton on Pompeii — J. F. Emerson called up the protest against the late proceedings excluding the colored people from the Lyceum except on humiliating terms inconsistent with a proper self respect - but it was disposed of by a vote to lay on the table without being read — so that nothing seems likely to be gained by further endeavors in this way —

4th day 12th Spent the forenoon at the Cg House engaged in the patient duties - or rather pleasures of reading Emerson's book a call from M. H. Ruggles detained me there de till near the time of his return by the Rail Road when I accompanied him to the Cars — where I saw and took leave of Eliz.th Weld who will shortly go with her husband to New Orleans for the winter. In the afternoon and ev'g engaged at the

C. Hse and at home writg. a description of my plan of economising heat —

5th. day 13th. Spent the morn.g in finishing my description or drawg. and then went to Fall River to consult M.H. Ruggles about the completion of it — a preparation to send it to Washington — he being absent on learning or getting there at his place I was detained till evg. and dined with him at 5 o'Clock and rode home during a part of the Eclipse of the Moon

6th. day 14th. Our brother Henry Burrow and his wife and son arr.d this morn.g about ½ past 6 from Newyork to make their long contemplated visit — I was obliged to be busied in making out my "Cases" for Washington till dinr. when I devoted myself to our guests till about 8 o'Clock in the evg when I went to the C.H. town — I was at the Police court a short time in the forenoon with Sister Olivia and my daughter Mary the former to testify as to the watch which was stolen from mother's lodging room on 4th. day. The watch having been recovered the day before it having passed into the hands of a German pedlar — and the thief afterwards arrested.

7th. day 15th. Went to the C.H. before breakfast and afterwards with Anthony to the Oil works & wharf — and spent some time at the C.H.

in the forenoon & afternoon — W.J. at home
Bro. Henry went to Fall River with our Son
Edm. to see the place — they got back at
6 O'Clk after a pleasant excursion
1st. day 16th attended in the morning to my
printg. duties, to visite the Sea. to Church
attended Meetings as usual, with Henry & Eliz.
and H.L. with our Sons in country to our guests
— had several Calls on Bro. H in the day
& W.J — and Jon. Robeson & Th. Fisher on as
— 2d. day 17th I gave some time in the morg
to C.J. H.L. duties also in the forenoon — after
noon at home & W.J. had Prof. Elton & Thos.
Fisher at Tea — our guests visited J. Sands
house this afternoon, under the guidance of Mrs.
Chas H.L. — The family except A. leaving
us home to day for Prov. T.R.F. went
in J. after tea to explain his plan of
the Lessons to the teachers of the Public
Schools —
3d. day 18th I gave some attention to bu..
siness in the morg & forenoon — also in the
in the afternoon — after the departure of
our friends who left in the afternoon train
for Newyork — went to the 3d. lecture
of Prof. Elton — on Pompeii — and then
to the C.J. H.L. where I staid till a late
hour — as I am to go to Fall River tomor

4th day 19 — Set off at 7 Oclk for Fall River to attend the mg. of the Pocasset Co. — and to see after my own business — left on my return about 4 Oclk — and at home at 7 — and then repaired to my mothers to join the family at tea. who were then except Sister Phebe and Frances —

5th day 20th Found myself a little lame this mg on rising occasioned by an accident in getting up the bank where my men were at work at Fall River which excoriated the sensation of the right leg — I therefore rode to and from the Co. House &c. Called at the Parker House to see Isaac & Eliza Hazard formerly of Sc Kingston but now resident at Newport who have been here for several days — they were with us at tea together with mother sister Eliza and Anna Arnold — I formerly knew Isaac but have not seen him for about 30 years we found them very agreeable people and had a very pleasant visit

6th day 21st — Spent the day chiefly at the Co. House — riding to and from — eve. at home — S. Rodman Morgan and Wm Hussey were with us — the former having returned a few days since from Lenox where he went with his sisters Isabel & Emily, the latter going with him to attend their younger sister on her return to Mrs Sedgwick's School —

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7th day 22 Confined at home by my lame leg occupied in looking over the late papers which I have not been able to examine in course
1st day 23d Attended meeting as usual being able to walk to short a distance without inconvenience — time otherwise spent in reading Sunday School Union Report &c &c after tea we had Scripture & other devotional reading and hymns by the Children
2d day 24 Went to the Cg House & about my other concerns after breakfast and continued to attend to business through the day — Mr. Barrows of the Academy spent the evg. with us — sister at A Arnolds — to tea their family being expected to return to morrow. Mary & Susan & Frank at Geo Hussey's —
3d day 25th Engaged at the Oil Works and Cg House & most of the day & Evg — attended the meeting of the Institution for Saving called on acco. of the resignation of the Treasurer — The meeting was attended by most of the Trustees and William C Coffin was chosen — There was also a meeting of the Steam Cotton Mg. Cy in relation to the accommodation of the Picker — and it was decided to have it in a Stone building adjoining the Engine house, which will bring it within the line of Water St — if continued Straight to the North, but as

there is no probability of such extension for a long time. There is no objection to this arrangement — Went to the Lyceum in ~~the day~~ time to hear part of Prof. Beck's lecture on the Scientific Character of Swedenborg — he was very earnest and eulogistic — but as far as I can judge with very little of fact, to elevate his hero to the exalted position, where he was disposed to place him. — Mr. Harrison called here after the lecture —

4th day 26 I was occupied as usual at the Office &c — Edmund went to Boston this morning — and Thomas arrived from Cambridge, to spend the Thanksgiving vacation. He is very well — I went to the Office in the eve —

5th day 27th This is Thanksgiving — and it was my intention to hear Mr. Peabody but the violence of the rain in the house made me too late — and I went to Friends meeting — and it proved to be the monthly meeting — The attendance small on acct. of the weather — On the reading of the answers to the 2d query, respecting Love & Unity — it was in the usual style — but it did not appear to me to be

in accordance with the facts. the answer claiming a degree of Care to end differences. very much in advance of the desires of the Overseers — and I gave my views to the meeting, for doubting its correctness, stating that it was well known to the Overseers that a serious difference had long existed between Geo Howland and myself — and nothing had been done, by them to my knowledge in the Case, for more than a year — upon this Edmund Gardner remarked that it was true there was a difficulty w.h had long been a reproach to the Society for its continuance and he thought it quite time that it should be settled — he said he had conversed with both parties at different times — and he thought from his knowledge of the Case it might and ought to be settled — Jos. S Tillinghast coincided with the views expressed by Edmund — This called up Abm Shearman, the principal Elder and Overseer, who & the believed there was a dispute about a line of adjacent lots, to decide which a Law suit was meditated, but as the

Custom of the Soc[y]. had not been to insist in such cases on its being left to arbitration, the Overseers did not know that they ought to interfere — I thereupon remarked that that was a most partial and inadequate Statement of the Case — scarcely touching its real merits — that I had reserved myself ready for a more fitting occasion to give full information to any and all who might wish to be informed fully in the matter — George Howland said the Case was well known to the Overseers and to the meeting — I rejoined that — it had not been known through me, as I had explained it to very few of the members — and if this impression had been given by one Party only to the members generally — I should be glad of an opp[y]. of presenting it as it appears to me — and that I was willing to meet Geo. with any friends either in private or in public, and let the Case be fully understood — Abm. said that the Overseers had given a good deal of attention to the subject, and

that at one time they felt great Satisfaction in believing that it was amicably settled, but that it proved otherwise — I remarked in reply that the Overseers had never found me unwilling to pay all due respect to their judgment — and at the time referred to I had out of respect and deference to them yielded my own judgment and submitted to a great pecuniary sacrifice to end the controversy — and that if they on any occasion had had reason to ~~end~~ impeach the rectitude of my Conduct or motives, they had not had the candor to tell me of it — Sol^n said that he had thought it would be well to have a Committee to aid the Overseers in the case — This suggestion was united with by the meeting and after some discussion whether it should be done then, or at the next monthly meeting it was agreed that the appointment should be made next month — Elizabeth Taber and King declared their intention of marriage — Our son Edmund and Thos Foreman from Boston — after Dining with the Wo

family unite. Harriet having returned last eve. by the Rail Road from Newport — I went to my labors at the C.J. House, where I remained employed till near the hour to go to Bro: William's family Party — found Cousin Jenny Arnold here on getting home who had called for a Social visit, which we were sorry to lose — on finding that we were going out he took leave, and with the exception of Sister and Ellen, we went to Bro: Williams, and got back again a little after 11 O'Clk — Many Friends Spent the eve. with Sister.

6th. day 28th — Devoted the day and eve. principally to C.J. House employments — Walter Mitchell and S. Rodman Morgan dined with us — immediately after dinner Walter and Thomas set off for the Quinnill farm at the extremity of Smiths neck — Betsy Morgan and Sarah Hussey were with our Children at tea & a visit to Ellen — I sat up late for the return of Thos & Walter — but as they are not here at 10 minutes past one I close these notes, and retire, presuming that they have concluded to defer their return till morning —

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4th day 29th. Spent the forenoon principally in planning an alteration at the Oil works afternoon at the M.H. and also the latter part of the eve— The earlier portion having been devoted to the concerns of the Port Society— The M.M. for organizing for the Year having been held, which was pretty well attended by the Board—
1st day 30th. Attended Meeting as usual at Friends M.H. Thos and Sue with me in the forenoon and Frank in the afternoon— eve Spent in part in dispatching some business to enable me to go to Fall River to-morrow
2d day 12 mo. 1 Set off about Sunrise for Fall River where I Spent the day in Settling the whf wages for last month and in attending to the Belle Vue business— Set off Home on my return in a hard S.E. Storm about 5 3/4 PM— and got home safely & without much discomfort, though for the first 6 miles I came on with some anxiety on acct. of the darkness and Storm— found our fd. Mary Dowlen on my return, who with the Children were trying their vocal powers in some Scotch Songs with pleasing effect. I felt grateful at finding myself at home— instead

of being at some Roon tavern on the road — which I thought the most probable at setting off for home. Thos. returned to Camb. the 3d day 2d. Occupied in relation to my business at the Cy. House & Oil works through the day & evg — except the Lyceum Lecture by Prof: Bush on the relation of Mesmerism to Swedenborg — At the Cy House I had a call from Reuben Russell to enquire into the affair between Geo. Howland and me, occasioned by my remarks in the monthly mtg. — I gave him as condensed an account as I was able of G. H.'s overbearing and malicious conduct towards me — I also had a conversation with Thomas Kempton on the subject of the injury to the north part of the Town caused by the interruption of the navigation of the harbor by the bridge — and suggesting a remedy by Statute to some extent at least by obliging the bridge to pay a reasonable equivalent to vessels passing through for the trouble thus occasioned —

4th. day 3d. Engaged at the Cy. House through the day & evg —

5th. day 4th. Spent the day & evg. as usual in attention to my Cy. House duties, the

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weather again rainy — The two quarterly meetings had their sittings to day the adjournments to Jn Wilburs arrived had theirs in the Methodist (Elm St.) house — I could not conveniently attend, and did not incline to identify myself with either of the parties 6th day 7th Occupied as usual — The rest walking of yesterday lamed me a little so that I walk with some inconvenience — 7th day 6th Spent the day and evening at the Cg. House, riding except on my last return in the eve

1st day 7th — prepared the Papers for circulation at the Seamens' board of Trustees in the morng — went to the Bridle Meeting Hse in the forenoon and in the afternoon to the other Friends. Mg. at Jos Eddys where I heard Nathan Page & Thos S Gould to satisfaction — Wife at home somewhat incommoded by lameness —

2d day 8th Occupied at the Cg House this forenoon principally with a call there by Reuben Russell who came again on the subject of the difficulty between me and Geo Howland — I made further explanations and went with him at the close of the interview to T. D. Elliots office to show him the agreement made

before the Coercess, and a map of the the David Kempton Lot (now my wife's) and the adjoining lots North and South — he seemed to assent to the view of the subject which it so clearly illustrates — afternoon join J. at the Oil works discussing and planning the improvements there for pursuing more effectually the Spring Business at the Co. H.

5. day 9th — forenoon, occupied by my mate. Journal for last month to send to Washington — called with Mrs Chase H. at mothers in the afternoon this being her 88th birth day — She seemed very well and in good spirits many of the family called to pay her their affectionate respects and give their Congratulations at her green old age — Uncle Wm & aunt & B & W. Rotch &c were there — Sister Pd Mary were detained at home by their Colds — I was occupied with business at the Co House &c and did not go to the Cellars — Mr Beane is in town & called to see the Lamp in the evg — He is in a good business in Boston & much pleased with the Change of place of business

6th day 10th Went to the Co House before breakfast

and with the exception of meals and a short visit to see to the operations at the Oil works I have been there through the day and till late in the eve. Edm^d Gardner called there before noon and had some conversation in relation to our plans of placing the picker the within the range of Water St. if it sh^d be wanted to be extended to Mayfield St. or still more Northerly — I gave him the reasons which led to the conclusion and I believe satisfied him that the public would suffer no detriment for at least a long period and when it should be so desirable to the Town that its value as a Store should be greater than for the occupancy as now proposed it could be appropriated to that object. I told him that the S^d building was to be a low one and so built that it might be removed without great trouble or expense and without material injury to the Engine house to which it will be connected in the Masonry but with separate roofs — Ed. informed me that the subject of Q. Haviland injustice to me had been mentioned by him in the Preparative meeting last 1^st day on the consideration of the answer to the Query which called forth my remarks in the M^g

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and expressed his conviction that something 71
would now be done conclusively in the matter
5th day 11th. Occupied at the Cy House &c through the
day & Evg - till a late hour
6th. day Occupied in attending to my business
at the Cy the Oil Works &c Had another
Conversation with Edmund Gardner in relation
to Water Street - and explained to him fully
the the necessity in which we found our-
selves to occupy a part of the land which
I had formerly offered to the acceptance of
the Town for a Street for the Picker House
of the Cotton Manufactory - and also explained to
him my wishes in regard to the accommo-
dation of Jas Durfee & the Hillmans by giving
them the privilege of crossing my lot to their
without going up into Record Street -
- My teams are here to day to get hay
to use at Fall River - Wg at the
Cy House till late and contin. my writing
and accounts, viz for my settlement with
the Fall River Boardmen for the filling in
of the Wharf wall on the West of the proposed
Dock which was completed on yesterday -
7th. Day 13th. Engaged at the Cy House principally
through the day and evg - Made one or two visits
to the Oil Works to give some directions to the work
men who were about finishing the job on the hot

morn — returned to the Cg. Room in the evg — where my time was a good deal taken from my writing by several calls, one from C Brown of Fall River who came to consult about the Cellar at the new seite of the old house which formed a part of the front of the Bellevue Hotel — the weather being too cold to lay it in mortar as was the agreement — Gov. Tompkins the superintendant of the Cotton Mill occupied me principally aside from my intended engagements — Our little Ellen confined to the nursery with Stiff Neck 1st. day 14th At home through the day with the exception of Mtgs — at the brick in the day and at Grave ch. in the evg — with mackerel & M & S. where a Mr. Packard preached a very good Sermon and read the Service particularly well. Fred. Robson called in the evg — with Ed? on his return from the Am. meetg. — Ellen is better but still in the nursery — Sister P. has been about 10 Ds troubled with Rheumatic affection of the Chest &c which has prevented her going out —

2d. day 15th Engaged at home and at the Cg House &c — Mtg. at the Room buried with the Oil account

3d. day Much of the day at home from 10 to 1 at the Supr. for Sewers — on committee played about the Oil Stock accounts? Went some time to the Oil works — evg at home as yesterday — Jn.o Howland and Wm. P. Howland called at the Store and house to see me

but I missed their call in both cases
4th day 14. Engaged in the morning and most of the forenoon at home with the Stock accounts — Learned that Jno. & W. P. Howland had been again at the C.J. House to see me — I therefore wrote a note inviting them to call at my house at 7 Oclk this ev'g — I was at the C.J. Hse and did work in the afternoon — at 7 Oclk. John P. Howland called and I found as I had before supposed that the visit had reference to the difference between Geo Howland and myself, arising from his unfriendly conduct in denying to me all participation in the extension of L. Street from Middle to North Street, after I had done more than any one else to gain a mutual advantage in gaining access thereto it to my lot and to the others, who shared the expense though in less degree and less responsibility (with the exception of my brothers Andrew and Charles) had gained to their interven[ing] lots — in the first place. and from his perfidious refusal afterwards to fulfil his deliberate and written promise made in the presence of the Overseers of the Monthly Mtg — after I had performed my part at great sacrifice and expense — I made a detailed statement of the affair and late in the interview which extended to 10½ Oclk. I learned that this visit was in the char

acter of Overseers of the Monthly Mg — I then in reply to their recommendation of a reference related the refusal of the former Overseers particularly Abm Sheaman to give me a certificate to obviate the inconvenient inference which unexplained might be drawn as to an admission on my part that the ownership of the Strip of land on which G. H. had encroached in building his Oil Shed wall was in him — the evidence of any dissent from the assumption having been Months in their possession before the "agreement" in which the phrase was introduced and by him without any authority from me and which as the difference was then supposed to be finally adjusted was overlooked by me as unimportant under the then circumstances — As A. S was now a colleague of theirs if they would induce him to do me the simple act of justice which I certainly had a right to claim I might as a deference to their wishes leave the matter to a reference as they desired — but not otherwise — The interview closed & throughout conducted in a friendly manner — and we parted expecting to have another Conference at an early day

5th day 18th Occupied in attending to my Concerns at the Oil Works G. H. &

through the day and eve — I did not go to the preparative meeting —

6th day 19th Spent the day in seeing and directing the additional work at the Oil works to complete the arrangements for my experiment in the more perfect preparation of Spermaceti for Candles & other uses — and at my Cs. the business took tea and spent the eve at C.W. Morgans — where were Mother and Sister E. in addition to myself & wife — I rode home with Mother and then went to see that all was right at the Oil works and Cs the

7th day 20th Spent the forenoon in aiding and directing the new arrangement of my Coal ashes sifter to avoid the waste of Coal and make the separation of the ashes and the fine coal from the coarse more easy and complete — afternoon at the Oil Works & eve at the Cs Room

1st day 21 prepared the "Sheet anchor" with invitations to Seamen to attend Divine Service at the Bethel for distribution at the Seamen's boarding houses attended m.g. as usual; and spent most of the intermission at Mothers, having been at the Oil works to see after the fire — eve at home Jas. Arnold passed it with us — ma chez to and several of the children at the Episcopal Ch — forenoon & eve — I went to the Oil works late in the eve. and was obliged to rekindle the fire

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Engaged at home before breakfast
— attended the Bank Directors Mg. — afterward
met John Howland in the Street, and had another
Conversation with him on the variance between
G. H. & me — he presented from A Sherman a
Mem.o cont.g sundry extracts from my notes &c
relative to the subject of the variance, with a view
as far as I could understand from Jn.o to a justifica-
tion of his refusal to give me the Certificate which
I had requested of him to prevent a misconstruction
of a clause of the agreement which he had drawn
up for G H & myself to sign when as I supposed the
ground of difference was removed by my yielding
under the advice of himself & associates as Trus-
tees of the Mg. Mg. to the unreasonable condi-
tions which G H exacted. — I was unable to see
that S. extracts furnished him with any ground
of defence, as I have stated in my letter to
him written this afternoon and sent to him by
the hand of Jn.o Howland to whom I submitted
it unsealed for his perusal — Mg. mostly
at home — made visit of examn.o to the Oil works
— I have had official notice of the inten-
tion of the Select men to lay out Water Street
from North to Market Streets on the 29th inst.
3d. day 23. Wrote a letter to the Select men
on the subject of the extension of N. Water St.
Stating the reasons which make it very objec-

tionable with reference to the Cotton Manufy. after the part north of Holman St. &c — Called at my Uncle Wm. Nottet Jr. on business of Belle Vue &c — Thence to the Office of the Justs. for Sangs. as one of the Comrs. of revisal of the By Laws — Thence to see Charles Briggs about erecting a mill to pump out the water of the Canal mill at Belle Vue House — on returning called at Horatio Leonard's to see the Deeds of the lot of the late Charles Brochan in the possession of his daughter Mary Nelson — P.M. superintended the sending off of the ashes, & setting the Coal boy to rights, &c. — at the Lecture (J.O. Choules on Christmas in the Olden time) at the Oil Works — at A.D. Richmonds to see Barrows Range which he has lately had put up — and at the G. House — Cornelia Grinnell was with us at tea, & with the Family after the Lecture, together with Bro. & young men of their acq.ce — I put a letter for Mary into the Post Office to day 4th. day 24th. Occupied considerably in the Morning and forenoon in writing up this diary and in copying (with Ink) the notes which I took (in pencil) of the Deeds of the lot of Chl. Brochan dec.d as stated yesterday — afternoon of the day considerably occupied at the Oil Works, & Office at the Oil Works and Office till a late hour — I made to day the first trial of hot pressing my

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my Spermaceti with the hope of making an article which will bear a better price in the market than that made in the common way has recently Commanded. This being Christmas eve several of the Members of the fam[y] were at the Religious Services at Grace Ch[h] which as usual was dressed in Greens—

5[th] day 25[th]. Went to the Bank Directors Mg. and to the Cg. Hse before the hour of the meeting of the Mly. Mg. of Friends, which I attended to be present when the subject of the appointment of a Com[e] to aid the Overseers in their endeavors to bring about an accommodation of the difference between Geo. Howland and myself in relation to Water Street. — after the other business was finished A. Shearman called the matter up - and the measure of appointing a Com[e] was approved — but before proceeding with the appointment I suggested to the Mg. that some explanation of the matter should be given to the Mg. that they might be the better qualified to act in making the appointments — This was objected to — as the Mg. could be better informed by the report of the Com[e]. — I remarked that a matter which in the opinion of some friends at the last Mly. Mg had already compromitted the reputation of the Society — might without

impropriety be so far spread before the present small gathering - especially as a very short time would be sufficient to do so and as it was a fact that during the 3 or 4 yrs that the Overseers had had cognizance of the affairs - they had never given the parties a hearing in each others presence except in one instance, which was when the difference was supposed to be ended - and that as I had never been informed of the view which the Overseers took as to the causes of its continuance I shd be very glad to have their opinions on this head stated to the meeting - that I liked openness and candor, and although I had never been informed in what respect if at all the failure in the proposed accommodation was attributed to me, I should like them to be made acquainted with it - The meeting seemed disposed to acquiesce in the reference without further discussion and proceeded to name Abm Barker, Edmund Gardner, Philip Anthony and Chs R Tucker for the advisory Committee - Considering the very partial course which had marked proceedings of two of the Overseers who were members of the old Board viz Abm Shearman and Barnabas Taber in refusing by their explanatory Certificate of a Phrase in the

agreement drawn up by Abm Shearman introduced without authority and with full evidence in their possession of any dissent from the inference which it warranted, but which either escaped my attention or was passed over as being then unimportant. which Certificate as the failure and refusal of Geo. Howland to abide by the agreement then made was necessary to replace me on as favorable ground as that which I occupied before their interference — For the partial if not partizan character which this refusal fixed upon them I thought it not correct that they should act further in the Case — I therefore intimated the propriety of their being excused from further Services in the Case — But the Mg. not knowing reasons which should operate as their disqualification — and they not asking to be excused were left as judges in the matter at issue — I Spent the afternoon and eve — in making a written Statement of the facts in the case to be Submitted to the Comtee

6th Day 26th Spent most of the day and eve. in continuing my narrative for the Overseers — by the Cars this eve. our Frd. C. C. Stewart of St. John N.B. arrived to settle his insurance cases which have been a long time depending — I was unable to give him much attention and left him to my wife & children

which I continued my writing till some hours after midnight, thus protracted because I foresaw that I should not be able to devote other time to it.

4th day 27th Devoted the forenoon principally to our guests — attended however to some business at the Cg. House — and after accompanying our friend to the Cars, it being necessary that he should seek advice in Boston I returned to my Cg Hill duties which I continued till somewhat late in the evg — after which I made an exam. as usual to see that the fire at the Oil works was in a proper State to keep up the temp. — of the Hot room &c — & returned home —

5th day 28th As this is the last day on which the Rev. E.V. Peabody will preach as the Settled minister of the Unitarian Society in this place where he has officiated for the last 8 years I attend his forenoon and evg. meetings — Ma chere H was with me in the evg and Ed. was present at both meetings — The morning Sermon was very good and that in the evg. in which he retraced the years now passed and touched upon the incidents which had marked their flight — he was very interesting — evincing a very humble and truly Catholic and Christian

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8 Spirit — The unexceptionable deportment which has won him the general esteem of our citizens, together with talents benevolence and readiness to exert himself to promote as occasion presented an influence beyond the boundaries of his own Society — by whom he was exceedingly respected and beloved — ~~[illegible]~~ his departure from our town in my view at a public loss not likely to be soon replaced — as well as a loss to his Country — which they can scarcely hope to have fully made up by any one that will follow him in his several ministrations — I called to see mother between meetings — having attended my own Mg. in the afternoon — and called at A Robeson's late in the eve.

2d. day 29th. I was called from my business this forenoon to meet the Comtt & Overseers who were assembled to consult about the difference between G. Howland and myself — Abm Baker and Edmd Gardner Philip Anthony and Chs. R Tucker with the overseers: Abm Shearman and Barnabas Tabor Jno Howland & Wm Penn Howland — In answer to the enquiry if I was willing to submit the case to the decision of referees — I said yes if A Shearman and

B Tabor will give me the certificate which I have asked of them to restore to as good a position as that which I occupied before their interference, by explaining away the objectionable phrase in the agreement — and I went into a statement of the circumstances and urged the reasons which should make it obligatory on him to do it — but although the letter of 3/29/42 was read and the evidence complete that the insinuation was unwarranted from any admissions of mine that the building which I removed was not previously within the limits of my own lot —, Still A.S. would not consent to give the certificate to that effect — — and his attempts to justify his refusal were entire failures, as I think all present must have believed — This conference did not end till near 2 O'clock and I devoted the remainder of the day and evening to finishing, and copying my written Statement of the Case, which I took to Philip Anthony's house for the use of the Counsel — Eng as the Gs house —

3d day 30th. Devoted myself to Cg. Hall duties & attention at the Oil works through the day Evg — omitting the Lyceum Lecture from the pressure of these engagements — made my usual call at the Oil works to see that

the fire was in a Safe State &c
4th day 31st Occupied with slight intermissions as the Cg. House through the day and till late in the ev.g. — Alex. Barkers & C. R. Parker called to say that G. Howland had consented to a full reference of all matters in dispute to arbitration — I stated that I had no objection to uniting in the reference except that arising from A. Shearman's refusal to explain the phrase which he had introduced into the agreement unauthorised, to my prejudice — They s.d that they did not think that refusal would do me any injury as I could explain the circumstances so as to neutralize its effect — and I finally assured them of my acquiescence in the measure. — They therefore left with the understanding that a bond should be drawn up and signed by both of us to fix and confirm the arrangement — T. G. Coffin to draw the instrument, wh. was to be submitted to T. D Elliot for his approval, and a meeting was to be held on 6th day before the Cond.e for us to affix our signatures — Thus a controversy which has been a source of great trouble and loss to me seems likely to have an end.

Another year has opened upon us. an epoch of great interest. from which it is good to cast our minds back on the year now ended. in our own case. with feelings of gratitude to a kind and ever watchful Providence for the health and prosperity which have been afforded us. mingled with sorrow that the sense of the numberless blessings of which we have been the recipients has not been more habitually with us to chasten and correct the illusions wch the passing occurrences of Social life are so apt to impose upon us to the neglect of the most important interests and considerations. — May the consciousness of errors. omissions and defects which results from this review of the year now gone, while it gives us less confidence in our own firmness and resolution. may it stimulate us to more strenuous endeavors to seek that Superior aid which is graciously promised to the humble aspirant for Heavenly wisdom. by which we may be enabled through the year now opened upon us walk by Faith and not by Sight to a greater degree than in years that are past. I was at the Cg. House before breakfast — and as I have an unusual am^{t} of business on my hands. lest I shd omit the few New Years calls which I

& propose to make I concluded to dispatch them before going to the Cg House. I therefore called on my Cousin Sarah P. Arnold's. My Uncle William's but-Sary only my Aunt — thence to my Aunt Mary, thence to Aunt Nancy Rotch's thence to Mother's and thence to my business at the Cg. House where I was busily occupied till the departure of the Cars in the afternoon by which I wished to forward sundry documents but I was a little behind the time; thence home to dine, in which I succeeded very comfortably although no formal meal was prepared on acct. of the peculiar engagements of the day — On my return to the Cg. Hse. I called at our neighbor's T. D. Elliot, made an ineffectual attempt to call on our new neighbor Abigail Haviland's, thence went to Sarah Pickett's and to see her mother Bethiah Russell, who is become very feeble and infirm from age — so as rarely to leave the house — Thus having finished my calls I went to the Cg Hse, and was busily occupied there till very late at night — and all of the family had retired —

6th. day 2. On rising I found that our Fel. C. C. Stewart had returned from Boston to have come on the Cars last evg I went to the Cg. Hse before breakfast, and spent the forenoon principally with C. C. S. in reference to his Ins. Co. claim

accompanying him to the Bk. Office and calling on the Ags. of the other Offices interested to apprise them of their being here, and of this business — Spent part of the forenoon and afternoon at the Cy House, en ville. at home — before going to the Cy House, viz in y. afternoon I called at T. D. Elliots Office to see if he had been applied to in relation to the Bond for the reference of all matters of dispute or claim between G. Howland and myself. I found that he had seen the Bond drawn up by T. G. Coffin, and thought it in terms sufficiently general to cover the whole Ground — In y. after I entered the Office W. P. Howland came in to say that the Comrs of Pats. had been some time waiting for me at Philip Anthony's Cy. House — I accordingly repaired with him thither, and found all assembled in Chas G. Howland — The Bond was submitted to my inspection, and I again repeated that the only objection which I had to signing it and submitting to a reference was the fear that the Proviso which was introduced into the agreement, quite unauthorised by the facts, by A. Sherman, and which he had refused to neutralize by a certificate to the circumstances, might if construed according to legal rules, do me great injustice — That equity was all that I wanted but I did not

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deem it right or reasonable that I should suffer any detriment from any such arbitrary rules — It was replied that the case would be decided on principles of equity — and that I need not hesitate on that account — I accordingly waived my scruples and signed the bond to abide by the award of the referees in the penal sum of $10000 — G. Howland named David Buffum of Newport, and I named Simeon Borden of Fall River — they to chuse the third referee —

17th day 3 — Went to the C.H. the before brkfst. — gave the necessary attention to C.C. Stewart, who effected a settlement with the B. C. Ins. Co. of his claim on them, and in the afternoon took the Cars for Newyork to make his claim on the Offices there from or against which he holds Policies on the James Stewart — after accompg. him to the Cars I went to my duties at the C.H. House, where I was again till very late, having been sometime at home after tea, and accompanied Ma there H. in an ineffectual attempt to make a visit to my mother but on getting to the house we found that she was not at home —

1st day 4th Printed invitations on the temperance papers to distribute at the Seamen's Boarding houses - attended meetings as usual through the day and in the Eg. went with ma chere H to Grace Church and heard a good Sermon from Mr. Salter - on returning I read two
3 of Dr. Arnolds Sermons to his Rugby Scholars - called at mothers at the close of the afternoon meeting - and found her very well - my wife has been for some days troubled with pain & inflamation in one of her eyes which debars her from reading -

2d. day 5th Occupied at my Eg. House during through the day and eg - ma chere H. so much troubled with her eyes as to be confined to the nursery

3d. day 6th Went to the Rail Road depot before breakfast & thence to the Eg. room, where I was apprised that a warrant was published for a town meeting to act on the acceptance of a street from North to the projected easterly extension of Maxfield Street, which application originates in a hostile spirit to the owners of the land now appropriated to a Cotton Manufactory and will most essentially interfere with the success of the undertaking - This attempt which has been some time talked of, but which I had thought had been for-

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the present at least given up, makes immediate attention to prevent its accomplishment necessary - and I was therefore detained till a late breakfast hour in writing an article over my own Signature for the Mercury — after my late breakfast I gave my time to Cg. Hse. duties till 1 o'g — after tea to the 2nd Lecture by Prof: Caswell on the Steam Engine — and then to the Mercury to correct the proof of my article — Mrs Chew & had D^r Read to see her to day — her gen^l health sympathising with the local affection — Mary & Edmund at a Party at Jo^s Richetson's

4th day 7th. Gave my attention with little intermission to my Cg. House business, and was at the Cg. House till the tea hour omitting the mid day meal — C. C. Stewart arrived in the afternoon train of Cars from N. York via New London and Boston. W^ch detained me at home after tea except a visit to put things right at the Cg. House and to see that all was safe at the Oil works

5th Day 8th. Occupied partly with C. C. Stewart and gave the rest of my time to the business which is always pressing at this season of the year but now more than ever in consequence of the extensions into which I have been led or forced

by the circumstances of the last two years
— Edw.d & Mary made by invitation a call on
+E. King (she being the daughter of W.m C. Taber) who
were married at Friends Meeting to day — They
leave in a day or two for Baltimore — C.C. Stew
art accomplished his business without trouble
or delay in Newyork
6.th day 9.th Our fd. C.C. Stewart left us this morn
ing for Boston on his return to St. John N.B. —
having taken an early breakfast with him I accom
panied him to the Cars and then went to the C.
House where I spent most of the day, or at home
with my dear after tea, — returned to the Store
and remained late, as usual
7.th day 10.th Attended to C. House duties before
breakfast and till near 2 OClk. in the after-
noon, the hour of the Town Meeting to act in
relation to Water Street as laid out over my
wharf, and through the premises appropri-
ated to the Cotton Factory — which as shown
in the articles published by myself and Alden
G. Snell the present week in the Mercury will
be highly detrimental to its success — The meet-
ing was pretty fully attended, T. G. Coffin ap-
pearing as counsel for J. Dimpfel & Geo Howland
as was evident from the close conference which
he held with the former — as his motion a com-
mittee was appointed to consider the subject

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and report thereon at a future meeting which at the Suggestion of Coffin & S. Perkins (one of the Comtee) to gain time for the disclosures which the pending reference of the matter between Eze How land myself may make, was left to be called by a new Warrant when they should be ready to report — It is not possible to tell what the action would have been, if a vote on the main question had been taken — and equally impossible to foresee the issue. — But I hope no injury will result to us from the developements and delay — Should the weather be favorable — the Stone building for the Pilot & Engine House will probably be then finished — at the close of the meeting I resumed my labors at the Cg House — and after my Second Meal (at 6 Oclk.) and Spending an hour at home I was at the Cg. room and Oil works till a late Stage of the evg — Edmundi club (a Secret association) met here this evg — (ma chere H is so much better that she has abandoned her darkened room & been with the family Since yesterday noon —

1st Day 11th. Attended meetings as usual and Spent the day at home except making a call at Mothers and at the Oil works to see that the fire was safely left — I Spent the time at home mostly in the Library reading — read Some Sermons of Dr Arnold

audibly after ten — Mr. Kasson called. the 93 family being at home and spent the latter part of the evg.

2d. day 12th. Left in the Cars this Mg for Fall River to attend the Docarat Mtg. the business of the Company took most of the time so that I was unable to visit my workmen at the Ledge — dined with Wm. Chf & Benj. at Sister Lydia's — and returned in the Cars. We had Eliz Angier Joanna Benj. Wm & Emily Rotch with James Lawrence (B Rs bros in law elect) Anna Brinker Rodman Rebecca & S.G. Morgan and Anna Robeson to tea ve — after they departed I made my evg. visit of inspection at the Oil works

3d. day 13th. Occupied through the day at the Oil works or rather at the Cg House, giving some time for inspection in that department. in the evg attended Prof. Cannell's 2d lecture on the St. Empire. to

4th. day 14th. At the Cg House Mtg & forenoon after a light and hasty dinner I went to the Depot to forward something to Thomas at Cambridge — and thence to the Selectmens' room to have a hearing before the Town Comrs. relative to my objections to the contemplated of Water Street across my premises and the land appropriated to the Pickett House to Merrifield Street — The whole number of the Comrs were present and I stated my objections — opposed to the action of the

Town in 1839 for the Continuance of Said St. from Middle to Water St. the proceedings there on which carried out the intention of the Town and the parties as far as the legal effect of Such action was concerned, but which failed to accomplish the whole benefit which the Town had a right to expect and did expect and deprived me of the entire advantage which I had contemplated as it respects my own wharf and lot, over which others can now seeking contrary to my wishes & my interest to force a road. I refer to my repeated attempt to gain an entrance to my wharf from Water St. by asking for a Street, the Same as is now proposed but the did not see fit to accept it & incur the Small comparative damages which were then to be met arising from A.G. Snells' declining to give his land for the purpose, & Geo Howland's determination to consequence of A.G.S.'s decision, to claim damages for his. The Com.rs reported against it and the town concurred; as I believe without any special consideration of the objections — Since then has been no improvements at either terminus of the proposed road, and I have been ever Since as much as before

debarred from the avenue through water Street direct to my whf lot — The more fact then that I am endeavoring to use for ~~other~~ purposes than originally designed the land which the Town had refused to accept for a Street. in 1844 - and when nothing has since occurred to make it more important to the Public than at that time is made the signal for a new attempt by Calling in the hitherto dormant power of the Town to drive me from my lawful purposes — ought it to succeed? — Geo Howland Jr Dunfee & Geo Howland Jr were present with T. G. Coffin and J. H. Clifford as their Counsel to urge on the measure — I explained the importance of the use of the land for the Cotton manufactory, and gave my opinion that $10.000 — would be no adequate Compensation for the injury to that establishment — Coffin took on — Dunfee made some blind insinuations & one of the Coun. united in them as though some disclosures were to be made to my prejudice, but the only evidence now submitted was a paper which I had drawn up to promote such an accommodation of his and A. G. Snell's differences by means

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of a reference, as we assume a deed for his and my use across A.G.S. lot in the line of Water St., as that St had been refused to be extended, as we (I & myself) had petitioned) — and a certificate from Peleg Gifford that I had engaged him to work on A.G.S. lots — What more potent attack they can bring to bear on me remains hereafter to be developed — One fact however I now first learned that J.D. had complained to the Overseers of me for not obliging A.G.S. to comply with his and G. H's wishes — and that they censured my conduct — whether this was after or before the interview which I sought at my G. H's before A. Shearman and Francis Tobey two of the Overseers on acct. of his rude and insolent attack upon me in the Street in the Summer of 1844, in presence of Andw Roberson and Jethro Hileman. when they disclaimed having intended to cast any injurious reflection on me, I did not ascertain — The interview continued till evg. and T.G. Coffin just before the Conf.e to show that I had barred myself from a claim or rather from obtaining damages, the agreement made with G.H. under the advice of the Overseers

in 8br 1842 — I avowed myself ready to explain the facts in relation to that instrument whenever the Coun[cil] wd give me an opp[y] to do so, and doubted not my being able to neutralize any injurious effect which it was designed to have on their minds — after tea I went to the Cg House — but I was not able to give my mind very effectively to some rather intricate arithmetical Calculations

5th day 15th Occupied with little intermission at the Cg Hse and returned there after my second, or evg meal, and worked till late at night —

6th day 16th Engaged in Cg. Hse duties the through the day and evgs

7th day 17th Occupied by the pressing business of the Season, which confined me principally to the Cg. Hse through the day and late in the evg — omitting the mid day meal which with short days & but little muscular action seem quite unnecessary for me. Our son Thos. arr[d] from the E.

1st day 18th Prepared some Temp[ce] papers for distribution at the Seamen's bo[d] Hse adapted however to the next Sabbath also, if as I supposed the severity of the weather shd prevent the Member who takes upon himself the service of distribution, should present

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his weekly visits — Attended meeting as usual. and went to See my mother in the eve. — Otherwise at home partly looking over the recent News, which I have been obliged to omit through the week — Read Some Sermons of Dr. Arnold to the Family. or a part of it in the eve — Gilbert Richmond called when I was at mothers — an unusual occurrence from which I augur nothing favorable

2d day 19th To the Cg. Hse before breakfast & to the Bk Directors meeting in P. after — I spent most of the day and late in the eve. at the Cg House omitted the P. Meg of the Family, and prosecuted my Mercantile labors. Had a call from G. Richmond informing me of his & bro's embarrassed circumstances

3d day 20th Went to the Cg. Hse. before breakfast, but instead of my usual business I thought it necessary for me to write a Short article for the Mercury to remind our fellow citizens of the Town Mg. tomorrow, that our cause; opposing the extension of Mayfield St beyond Hillman St. may not be lost for the Lack of a recollection of the object of the Town Mg. — Spent most of the forenoon in getting the Signatures of my colleagues to the

notice — part of the afternoon at the Oil 29
works to direct some alterations — went at
the Cg. Hse, etc. at the Lyceum lecture, by
J. Kasson on the power & peril of the popular
imagination, which was a very creditable per-
formance, showing both knowledge & talent
— at its close went to the Mercury Office
Oil Works & Cg. Hse —

4th. Day 21st. I did not go to the Cg. Hse before break-
fast, and was sometime after engaged in aiding Thos.
in preparing a new book for my meteorological
Journal — then to the Oil works Cg. room where I
was chiefly engaged till the hour for the Town Mg.
— which I attended and heard one of the most one
sided reports on the subject of the extension of
Water St. that I ever knew, it was drawn up
by Jas. B. Congdon, and went so far out of the
way as to embody in the report the obsolete agree-
ment made by me & Geo. Howland before the overseers
which had been violated by G. H. after I had fulfil-
led my part: to prove or make it appear that
I had unreasonably interposed an impediment
to the extension of the street, when in 1844 I
was the first mover of an effort to get the street
through — offering freely my land, when its
acceptance was refused, and through the
opposition of G. Howland — The report closed
with a resolve that the Town would accept the

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Street when competent parties should give bonds that it should be opened without expense to the Town, provided that J. Dupee Jr & Sh. extend Maxfield Street within a year so as to intersect it — which resolution, for want of a little more legislative skill was finally carried, when it is probable that the M.-W.- have accepted the Street to the N° line of Hillman St if it had been properly put before them in an amendment of the resolution — I suppose the subject is left pretty nearly where it was taken up, as I hardly think any individual even G. H. will be willing to assume the liability of damages — E. M. Robinson demonstrated that the public good was at the present time scarcely at all concerned in the extension to Maxfield St. while it would unquestionably be promoted by its extension to Hillman St — The M.-W. continued till nearly dark — after tea I went to the Oil Works & G. Howes — our three elder children were at a party at our neighbor cousin James Arnold's in the evg

5th day 22. Accompanied Thomas to the R.R. Depot. who went down to Boston to attend the wedding of B.F. Plotch this evg — he having had an invitation to attend through his class mate Bigelow son of Abbot Law-

prince and brother of the Bride — Stopped at the Cg. House till late breakfast hours, and afterwards devoted to my Cares at the Oil Works and to Cg. House duties, again to the the Cg. Ho. in the evg.

6th day 23d — Occupied at the Cg. House & Oil works through the morning as home completing the Tabling of my Meteor. note book, the day & evg. — Some further arrangements being projected in order to carry out my plan of making a superior kind of Candles. — involving however but a moderate expense — had a Call this evg. from Thomas Cook on the Subject of G & H Richmonds' embarrassed pecuniary Circumstances — called at A Roberson's who is implicated jointly with me as an endorser for them merely from motives of friendship on the faith of their assurances of their success and Solvency to the am: of four thousand Dollars, and afterwards met him & T. Cook at Elliot & Kasson's office to request them to prepare an assignment — thence to the Cg. House, which I left about 10 and called at Elisha Drinkers to wait upon Sister Phebe and my daughter Mary who were there on a tea visit

7th day 24th At the Cg. House before breakfast, and part of the forenoon engaged with books of my father's Estate, afterward called at the shop of G & H. Richmond where I met T. Cook & a Mr. Carpenter one of their Creditors from Boston, who suggested the propriety of taking their notes for such a Dividend as they are able to pay, and letting them continue their business and make the most of their stock and debts, expressing it as his opinion from the character of the men and the facilities of

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their position and experience would give them, that they would succeed in their business, and thus pay us more than we could get in any other way, a meeting of the Creditors in Town was concluded on at Cook & Francis Store this ev'g at 8 Oclk, Spent the afternoon at the Cg. House &c and went to the Mtg. of Cond. in the ev'g. — The Statement and prospects did not appear quite so favorable as I hoped — the assignment was made and subscribed by the parties present. Mary. went to the men to ascertain whether they could find friends to guaranty the payment of the notes for such percentage as the Creditors might agree to accept & let them allowed to go on with the business — the meeting held till 11 Oclk, when I went to the Cg room & Oil Works — getting home about 12

1st Day 25th Attended Meeting as usual and made a short call at Mothers at the close of the second Mtg. two Ministering Friends & wife were at Mtg. and preached the woman has a youthful look and speaks with great fluency and as usual in such cases at considerable length) — Mother & Sister & Mary & Frank at the Episcopal Ch. afternoon and ev'g — I read from Dr. Arnold's Sermons to Sue & Ellen in their absence and heard a couple of hymns from their sweet voices — Mr. Kasson, returned with the family from Church & finished the ev'g

2d day 26 Occupied pretty assiduously at the Cg. House & Oil Works & he was at the Mtg. of the Directors of the B.C. Bank — omitting as usual my mid-day meal — which I think favorable both to health and effective action in business — the duties of which at the present time, tax my energies pretty severely — Thomas arrived this evg. from Boston, where he had a very pleasant visit in Abbot Lawrence's family — the Wedding went off very splendidly and he saw our Cousin in his new house & home with his amiable and interesting bride —

3d day 27 — Gave some time to writing up my Meteorological notes for the present month, having got in arrears from the delay in preparing a new book, in which I have deviated from my practice heretofore by ruling the sheets wholly in advance, by which if I live to fill it I shall save trouble and secure more neatness & completeness than my previous books evince — Spent the day in attending to my business at the Cg. House and in directing the operations at the Oil Works for an improvement in the Candles there made.

4th day 28th At the Cg. Hse and Oil works through the day and evg — My assistant —

ment for heating 1 m. 1846 to
the Sp. which from
the partial experiment yesterday I thought
was a failure — a more full trial shows
will be successful — Had a call from
Prof. Cook while at breakfast to say that
some of the Boston Creditors of G & H. Richm.
were here — I did not make any effort
to meet them, as I do not feel able under
present circumstances to assume any fu-
ture risk of their business — Their man-
agement hitherto having shown them de-
ficient of some of the qualities requisite
to go on with their business with safety —
5th day 29th Attended to my business en
gagements at the C.J. House & Oil Works
— the latter taking up a good deal of the
— in making experiments with my new
process of moulding candles — My suc-
cess has been but partial — yet not
discouraging — ev. at the C.J. House
6th day 30th Engaged as yesterday
— in the ev. — attended the Anti-Slav
Meeting and heard addresses from
Past. Cross of the Plain Soc. Mr Blan
chard Secy. — and from Amasa
Walker & Elihu Burritt, which were
made at Liberty hall to a full house
and were of a Striking Character — as

the Close of the Mg— I went to the Cg. Hse and remained till about 12 Oclk — knowing that our family. wd. be up late as our Mary had her friends in evng. the regular assemblage of the members of the Bee

7th Day 31st Occupied at the Cg. Hse. &c — giving some time to my experiments at the Oil works — which encourage me to pursue my endeavors to make a good viz a Superior Candle, equal to any that are made — at the Cg. House in the evg — Gs Howland told Wm L Rotch to day that the Street (Water from North to Maxfield Street, must and should go through — by which the impression was received that he was determined to accept the Condition. to indemnify the Town from pecuniary damages, on which the vote of the late town meeting accepting the Streets was passed

1st Day 2nd. 1— Prepared the temp.ce papers to be distributed at the Seamens Boarding Houses — attended Mgs. as usual A M & P M — called at Mothers — and after tea (the Rev. Mr Parker and wife Rec.d) also Mary Dunlap. I was at the Anti Slavery Lecture at Liberty Hall by Chs. C. Burleigh —

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Our daughter Mary was taken unwell soon after getting in Church, and had to return home & go to bed — D. Reed was called to see her — he was here again in the ev.g — She seems partially relieved —

2d day 2. Engaged at the Cg. Hse. & Oil works aiding in some experiments with the hope of making an improvement in Sp.m Candles — ev.g at the Cg. House

3d day 3. Occupied as usual at the Cg. house, giving some attention to the experiments at the Oil works — the Carpenters at work there in aid of the design

4th day 4th The new arrangement for Candling about completed — My time principally spent at the Cg. House — Wm. S. Ritchie & wife called in the ev.g — which detained me till about 9 Oclk. so that I was but a short time comparatively at the Cg. Hse —

5th day 5th At the Cg. Hse. before breakfast and at the Mtg. of Directors at the B. G. Bk & gave most of my time to Cg. Hse. matters. where I was till somewhat late, as is not unusual — Edmund went to Boston this afternoon, and Mary & Thos. went at the "Bell" as Jesse Perry's

6th day 6th Occupied as usual at the Cg. House and Oil Works through the day & eve — or rather the latter part of the eve. and the morng & afternoon of the forenoon have been spent at home writing up the accts of the Rotch Whg Co — A call from Kasson having detained me some time after my dinner & the family's third meal — our two eldest sons I am sorry to say were at the Police House (time) Court House for Cotton Mill folic — Edw. returned from Boston. & bro. the Act incorp. the.

7th day 7th Mg & forenoon at the Cg House and Oil Works — afternoon at the Mg. of the Rotch Whg Co — eve. at home making the record of 6. Annual Mg &c — I sent some Specimens of my improved Candles by our young friend Walter Mitchell to my brothers Barrow & Prior to get their opinion of their quality and probable favor with the Fashionable consumers of their City.

1st day Attended Meetings as usual — morn. of the day at home went to mothers to tea to meet Nathaniel Sands Sonof the late celebrated preacher Davis Sands — his Son Nath.l was at mothers also at tea and in the early part of the eve — Lydia Russell & Sarah Hammet called after tea — I went home with the latter & also with friend Sands (at Philip Anthony's) we found him a very Seciable and pleasant friend — reminding me in appearance and manners of his father whom I saw in my younger days

2d day 9th set off before Sunrise with John Hoskin for Fall River I to attend the Peacock meeting Jn.o to get some information relative to keeping Factory accounts — breakfasted at Micahs ~~visited my workmen at the ledge~~, attended the mg — called at one or two places with Jn.o — and on the arrival of the afternoon train from Newbedford Started with Ch.s Briggs for the Bellevue House at Newport with a view in part to the erection by the latter of a Wind mill to pump out the large well and purify the water and fill the Cisterns &c we got to Newport about 8 Oclk after rather a cold ride —

3. day 10th I attended to the affairs of the Bellevue, visited the Ocean House now in process of being rebuilt on a scale much larger than before and Set off for Fall River ab.t 2 Oclk. to be C. B. return home in the 5 Oclk train, stopped at my brother Micahs, and visited the workmen at the ledge before, his late dinner which I was fully prepared to join him in — after tea called Ch.s Sindle and Mr. Millers

4th day 11th devoted this day chiefly to my business at Fall River, and set off about 4 O'clk for home where I arrived about half past 6 and found several of the family unwell with Colds

5th day 12th Gave some general attention to my business. called to see my Uncle about the farm

chase of a lot adjacent to the Bellevue Estate
to prevent its being appropriated to the liquor busi-
ness which would probably be a nuisance to the Bel-
vue in the travelling season. He disapproved the
plan of buying to have the control of its occupancy
or appropriation. Called in the evg to see A Robeson
on the same subject — who coincided with the views
of my friends. I spent part of the afternoon & evg. in copying J.B.'s
6th day 13th. Called at Mothers — and left with her the remarkable report on Wm S.
copy which I made yesterday at the Town Clerk's Office
— She and Sister Celia dined & finished the day with
us. I spent what time I had at my control at the
CG House — and was there again in the evg. after
I had rode home with my Mother & Sister.
7th day 14th. At the CG. House in the morg. afternoon
& Evg. — At home in the forenoon preparing the copies
of my Meteorological diary for the two last mos.
viz Months. Jos Howes took tea with us and ac-
companied Thomas afterward to their Club meeting
at C. Mc Morgans where he remained all night to avoid
disturbing the family — he having omitted to take the
night key — Mary was taken quite unwell
at the Episcopal Ch. on last First day Morng. so that
she was obliged to leave the Mtg — Dr Reed was called
to her — her symptoms, debility, pain in her left
side & palpn of the heart — She was improved by
care & nursing and his prescriptions in a few days
so that she is again about house as usual but
has not yet been in the open air — Frank

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Edmund Sue & Ellen have also been in the house most of the week from colds — and Sister Phebe has not yet been abroad — Rec.d dined to day at his uncle Benj.a Wm having called and asked him about our dinner hour their usual hour being 4 O'Clk — about 2 hours earlier than any usual meal of dinner & supper.

1st day 15th A violent Snow Storm ushered in this day which continued till eve confining the majority of the population of our town to their homes the Meetings very thinly attended. I was the only representative from our family and Susan Haviland was the only woman at Fnds. Mtg. with about 30 men in the forenoon — two others were with her in the afternoon — Thos. with his fd. Wm Hussey for the indulgence of youthful enterprize and the propensity for muscular action made a pedestrian tour as far as his Uncle Bi Farm, but they found it very laborious operation. —

J. A. Rasson called after tea —

2. day 16th to avoid a laborious walk through the untrodden Snow I remained at home till after breakfast, when I went to the Cg. Hse — and remained there till near 5 when I came home to make some inscriptions in my fathers books touching the Pocasset Coy. Stock — called at A. Robeson

and - the Cg. Hse after nearly as home till
near 9 Oclk.
3. day 17th. Occupied at the Cg. House in researches
and calculations under an appointment of the late
Meeting of the Pocasset Mang Cy. to ascertain its cost
from the absence of more complete data I took
the payments as stated in my father's books on his
Shares as the basis of the Calculation. attended the
Lyceum lecture by D. Todd on the Gypsies, and
then went again to the Cg. Hse, where I found
a document from the Pocasset books for which
I had before unsuccessfully sought
4th. Day 18th. Occupied again at the Cg Hse in
reviewing the Cal.ns or rather in verifying the
results as thereon stated as the basis of my new
Solution of the Pocasset Problem
5th. Day 19 Engaged at the Cg. House, in my
more personal business through the day & Cg.
Ma chere H has been much afflicted with pain
& inflamation of the eyes - 3 leaches were applied
last eve - from which a decided benefit has been de-
rived - has had a pretty good night and more
comfortable day Edi. still confined with a sore
throat &c - and Harriet quite ill with a
cold which decidedly affects her head making
her delirious - D. Read has seen her this being
confined to her bed, with the others invalids
to day

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6th. day 20th. Devoted myself again to Cg. House duties through the day and wife — Mrs Chase & H. and the invalids improving. the former particularly. though able to bear but little light

7th. day 21st Occupied again with my Cg House and other duties — had a call from Ch Briggs who wishes to be released from his engagement to attach the Steam Engine to the Bellevue boiler — had a consultation with Wm Dunfee on the subject and induced him to go to Westport and examine it, he has doubts of the sufficiency of the boiler for the force of Steam, which with the attention which is likely to be given to the apparatus when in use without any Special Scientific Skill, will be liable to accumulate, — as it was an old one when set — and doubtless weakend by corrosion. A meeting of the Creditors of Gd R. Richmond was proposed to be held to day. but the absence from town of T.D. Elliot the legal adviser in the case it was postponed — This only adds to the discouraging aspect of this bad business as to the pecuniary result, and more fully developes the inconsistent if not the unprincipled course of the parties — Edmund and Frank took a short airing in the sleigh — shortened however from what they had proposed to themselves, from the necessity of the use of the horse by Wm Dunfee to go on the expedition to Westport. I called to see him but he was

out so that I am not apprised of his report.
1st Day 22d. Attended Meeting as usual and in the eg. called at Mothers and afterwards at H. Robeson's whose Family except himself visited Wm L. Jones from Fall River I saw also at Mothers.
2d day 23d. Engaged as usual at the Cf. Hse — had a call there about noon or a little after from a Mr Coffin of Norwalk Conn, formerly a Professor in Williams College — He S. he was appointed to report to some Scientific association in the current of Winds on the Atlantic Coast and wished to know if I could afford him any information — I had at hand and showed him my Abstract book for the years that I had made the classification, which he examined and spent an hour or two in taking notes from — He told me of an apparatus which was put up on one of the Summits of the Green Mountains — so arranged that it would record the course of the wind for every hour for very long periods — but that the apparatus was destroyed and its Scientific aim frustrated by the Vandalism of some person or persons in that region. at the Cf. Room also after my Sec? or eg meal
3d day 24th. Occupied as usual in my business & Cf. Hse. duties through the day and eg. excepting that I was a little detained by the

ill health of the family — Thomas being now added to the list of invalids — Dr Read has prescribed for him to day — he has contracted a violent cold by imprudent exertions & exercise & lack of proper care after it — pain in the head with sore throat and fever —

4th day 25th — Nothing unusual has marked my employments to day. business cares and Cg. Hse duties chiefly occupying my time — had a call from Chs R. Tucker in the afternoon as collector of funds for the monthly Mg — I put off the application, and stated the injustice of which I complain of the overseers in my case as connected with the Controversy with Gen Howland — But as I think the Mg. as a body is not implicated in the injustice of their Sd. officers I think I shall not entirely withhold my Contr. to the expenses for the support of the indigent members &c

5th Day 26th. Occupied at the Cg Hse as usual — attended at the Mg. of Bank directors — and made an errand to the Depot where I saw B. S. Rotch on his return to his new home in Boston — he had called in the forenoon to see me then — Thos is yet no better. but we hope his indisposition is at its height — he sits up most

of the day in the nursery where he will sleep in care of his bro: Thos. to night Edwd is out again and sat below stairs — Marchen H is much better of her local affection and the others improving — Edd again goes out 6th day 27th Engaged at the Cg. House through the day & eve — on a part of the letter, returning earlier than usual on acct of the indisposition of the family — Thomas does not yet get relief — he is quite prostrated & speaks with difficulty and very indistinctly — is in bed all day —

7th day 28 Attended a meeting of the Creditors of E & W Richmond at the office of T. D. Eddy — which took up most of the forenoon remd at the Cg. House Thos. does not yet get relief — called at Wm Sisson & in the eve had a Conference with him at N. Roberson's relative to the application of the Small Steam Engine to pump out the impure waters of the Lower mill &c — Concluded to make the experiment — Went afterward to the Cg House for an hour or so.

1st day 3rd 1 having left up last night with Thos I slept too late for the morning meetg.

2d day 3d went to Fall River to see after my private business & to take as far as there from a Small Steam Engine to pump out the

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Large will at the Bellevue House from the Westport Meeting — arr^{d} there about 11 Ock and set off to return about 4 O'clock the roads were considerably encumbered with drifts of snow so that it was heavy travelling — found Thos much better — Chs Randolph called in the ev^{g} — I made another unsuccessful attempt to see Widow — and made a call on Mary Folwell as Mother whom I had not seen for several days —

3^{d} day 3^{d} Applied myself to Cy House and business cares and duties through the day and the ev^{g} — Thos. through relieved from his local affection in great degree — had a restless night. As a consequence of this restlessness he seems to have increased his cold so that he is less well to day than we anticipated

4th day 4th Occupied as usual assiduously at the Cy. House & through the day — at home an hour or two after my second or ev^{g} meal with the family afterwards called at A. Robeson's as I did before that meal in regard to lending me his credit to aid me in my Mang^{t} project — in which I succeeded, giving him the indemnity for the liability — there after

an ineffectual attempt to see my brother who was out, to guaranty him loan &c
I went to do some writing at the Cg House which detained me late

5th day 5th Devoted myself to my business at the Cg House & completed the negociation for the loan and accommodated A. Roberson with 4/5 by discounting some drafts This latter business being done with my nephew Thomas who took occasion to express his dissatisfaction at the delay in settling the joint interest in the fixtures at the Oil Works — an adjustment involving the revision of the whole joint occupancy, and requiring more time & leisure from other pressing cares than I can well command — e.g. at the Cg House — after an hour or two at the office — Chs. Thursday 5th Snell & Drake came over with the horses yesterday and returned to Fall River to day with Hay — I was not apprised of this being here till my engagt. at the Bank Directors Mg — prevented my seeing them

6th day 6th At the Cg House. most of the day called at James Arnolds by his request after breakfast to consider the Syracuse Salt Concern, and attended the Mg. of the parties interested at Uncle Wm's Office in the afternoon my bro. Wm being there on the part of the others of our family — 120000 bu. Salt made last yr.

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7th day 7th Occupied at the C.G. House. day & evg excepting some hours at home including meals — Machen th again afflicted by inflammation of the eye, which was a little troublesome yesterday and distressing last night so that she has had leaches applied again to day a good effect — Thos is much better but Mary in addition to her recent feeble health has now a sore throat. so as to keep her in the nursery — Frank & Jane are at School again this week —

1st day 8th Attended Meetings as usual and spent the remr of the day at home. Jnº Hawes called in the evg to enquire after Thomas who is nearly well again — Machen th better but debarred from the light with some painful sensations in the organ — I read to her from Bridges reflections on the 119th Psalm —

2d day 9th At the C.G House as usual before breakfast. attended the Bk Directors mg. and devoted the remr of the day to C.G the duties — and part of the evg — Machen th had leaches again applied

3d day 10th Occupied at the C.G the most of the day — attended a Special mg of the Retail Shopkr C.G. this afternoon. and heard most of the lecture of Mr Throop on Rank & Labor which evinced fine views and ability — after-

road Spent some time at the Cg. House —
4th day 11th Spent the day and part of the evg. at the Cg Hse. much of the time in relation to a code of By Laws for the Steam Mill Cg — Macheth It is not yet much better of his inflam^n of the eyes — being still debarred from their use and in great measure secluded from the light.
5th day 12 — Occupied through the day and evg. principally at the Cg. House — Spend an hour or two at home at the time of any two meals, the 2? being taken with the family as their third — Macheth Slowly improving by an abatement of the local inflam^n Mary at the Bee (She is better though yet feeble) Ed & Thos also there in the evg
6th day 13th — Spent a considerable part of the afternoon at the Oil works devising the best mode of making up my Candles — the idea which I have entertained that a jarring motion given to the stands while Cooling would prevent the Crystalization having failed of success — latter part of the evg. as well as other portions of the business hours of the day at the Cg. House
7th day 14th A great rain has made this day contrast strongly with those of several months past — Thomas left us this afternoon to return for the last term to his Cambridge Studies

I came up to Dec Linn off — My time otherwise chiefly Spent in my Cg. House and business duties — Through the day & evg 1st day 15th Having obtained another Supply of Temp.ce Papers I prepared about 100 with the usual invitation for distribution at the Seamen's Boarding Houses — attend mgs. myself as usual — and Spent Some time in the nursery when my wife yet chiefly is though she can bear more light than heretofore and made one or two visits below Stairs, with the precaution of darkening the passages and parlor for the time to Some extent. — I went to make a call at mothers in the evg but found that She was still at C. H. Morgans where she was detained after a visit On 6th day by the muddy State of the Street. which seemed to make riding a little hazardous at evg — called also for a few minutes at J. Robersons —

2. day 16th Attended the mg of Bank Directors and applied myself to Cg House duties and the business of the Cotton Mill Through the rem.r of the day and evg — — Ma Chase H. was able to be with us at our meals — I omitting as usual the One at mid day

3. day 17th At the Cg. House as usual most of the day & Eve — had a call from Jn. Howland Jr & Wm. P. Howland Overseers — their Call was to see Ed. but he being absent they made an appointment to see him to morrow at 3 P.M.

4th. day 18th Engaged at the Cg House most of the day & eve — The Overseers Jno Edmund this afternoon at the Cg House — I was not present at the interview which was on both sides of a very friendly Character. And I hope it may be instrumental in restraining Edmund from any practices which will break the Connection between him and the religious Society of his ancestors, a Society which on the Cardinal points of Christianity has taken a higher Stand than any other

5th day 19th Occupied through the day at the Cg House chiefly in preparation for the ~~Comm~~ Mtg. of the New Bedford Steam Mill Co. which is to be held to morrow to organize under the Charter — had Jn. Hoskin with me in the eve to engross the By laws to be offered to the meeting — Our little Ellen had a party of her little friends who seemed to have a very happy time but I was too much occupied to be much of them. Called at my Uncle Wms for a few minutes in the

6th day 20 Went early to the Ch. House to prepare for the meeting of the Steam Mill Co. which was to meet at 10 O'Clk AM. At the mg. all were present except Geo. A. Bourne. and the adoption of the Charter was voted. the Code of By laws which was presented to the mg was accepted and the Organization of the Company was made by the appointment of Geo. Hussey President myself Treasurer and the other members with the exception of Wm R Rodd who declined being one were made a board of Directors & Clerk.

— The remainder of the day & eg was given the business of the Co. and my own. I was sorry to find that Mary Ann has a return of the inflamation of the Eye — induced She thinks by too early an exposure to the lights. consequent on Ellens comp. of little folks yesterday —

7th Day 21st Spent most of the forenoon in attending and completing the cleaning of the Co. room which had become quite uncomfortable for the want of it — Rec'd of the Dy Co. Her duties also the latter part of the eg called at Mothers who for two or three days has been afflicted with a very hoarse cold — The Duncannon Iron Works, we are relieved to hear has suffered much less by the late freshet than the early remarks in the papers led us to fear

10 to 15 thousand dollars C H. Morgan thinks
Maybe the extent of the damage, which is
not a tithe of what was dreaded —
1st day 22 Prepared some temp.ce papers for
distribution at the Seamens boarding house
before breakfast attended mgs. as usual
— called at Mothers in the forenoon and
again in the evg — She had a poor night
kept much awake by Coughing, and an un-
comfortable day. but she has not yet con-
sented to have any medical advice —
on my return home called for a few min-
utes at the Anti Slavery meeting of which
there has been a series for the last 3 days
— none of which I have before been ab —
ing to other duties — but as the mg. was about
over and no speaking of any interest I
very soon returned home — where I
spent most of the day — read — part
of the time to Mrs Chew H. in her Shaded room
from Dr Arnolds Sermons to his Rugby
Scholars —
2nd day 23d Occupied at the Cg. House til through
the day and the latter part of the evg — Mrs
Chew H — not so well this evg as through
the day Revd Benj.n Sister Susan called to see
her — Called to see my Mother She seemed

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much oppressed with his cold & very feeble
3. day 24th — This is my 54th. Anniversary — How swiftly fly the passing years
— Eighth and the meridian of manhood gone
— and left but imperfect memorials of
means and facilities of improvement kindly
afforded — . With what readiness we
can resolve, how frequent is our failure to
fulfil them — But we must strive &
— and ask the all sufficient aid of that
divine Grace which is freely tendered on
the condition of our heeding and obeying
its wise behests — Business care engross
my[illegible] day and the evg was devoted to
the Lecture and to writing for the St. Mills
Co.
4th. day 25th — Chiefly engaged in relation
the Steam Mill business at the Cg House &c.
mother seems better — Chas H has con-
fined himself to his room these two days
5th day went to Falls River at the St. Mills
business, called at Ph H Congdons and join-
ed the family at Breakfast — after accom-
plishing my business stopped into Richard
Borden's new mill to pass the time before
the start of the train — I was there [illegible]
about 3 minutes before the time, but found

the Cars were ☞ — to avoid being from home at night in the present State of the Law I took one of my Horses and a borrowed Vehicle & came home in the early P.M. — visiting Ken in the 6th day 27th. Went as usual early to the Cg House and turned the accidental detention which I met with to some profit by curtailing about 2/3 of the expense of Painting our Factory substituting a wash of Whiting and Glue for the extensive ceilings (of plank boards of the rooms) at 10 Oclk. Met the Stockholders of the Compy at the meeting regularly called — which was a satisfactory one — devoted the remainder of the day principally to the concerns of the establishment. Called to see mother in the eg. and finished it at the Cg House

1st day 28th — Occupied at the Cg House and Factory. Though the day came up earlier than usual because we expected the Rev. Simon from Taunton who is to officiate at Grace Church tomorrow — afternoon he went to make a call, a visit at Jas H. Howland. the wife of the latter having died within a day or two — I went to the Cg House for an hour or two —

2d day 29 — prepared my temp: pa-

pers for distribution at the Seamens Boarding houses — went to Friends Meeting in the forenoon, and in the afternoon and Eve I went to Grace Church to hear Mr Snow, which I did to my entire satisfaction —

2d day 30th Went to the Cy. House before breakfast, returning Seasonably for breakfast with the family and Mr Snow — Came home to dinner where in addition to Mr. Snow we had the privilege of Mr Brant Comfy who came to Taunton to day to meet Mr. Snow — they left for the Cars at ten Oclock — and I went to the Cy House — My wife was able to come below Stairs to see our guests — She is much better but not able to bear much light —

3. day 31st Occupied at the Cy. House & this the day and till very late in the eve — had a call on the arrival of the Cars from M.H. Ruggles. who walked over the many and about the premises — who is decidedly opposed to the legal & moral right of the Town taking my land & breaking up my establishment by forcing a Street through my premises & the

Factory Establishment, saw also Sister Lydia who came over in the Carriage to see mother — They returned by the different routes in the afternoon

4th day 4 mo 7 Engaged at the Cg. House & through the day and the latter part of the eg —

5th day 5. At the Cg. Hse in the morning at an early hour set off for Fall River between 9 & 10 Oclk. to make arrangements about some Stones for the Factory Chimney & to attend to my monthly payment — at 6 Pclk took passage in the Steamboat Perry for Newport where we arrived a little before 8 — I went immediately to the Bellevue House, and was up till 1 Oclk. examining the premises & the new and old building, the alterations improvements &c — all of which appeared pretty well, as far as my imperfect means of judging would warrant the conclusion — some defects were noticed or pointed out by M. Howard, the work is in such a stage of forwardness that the house may be ready for occupancy — if desirable by the 1st of next month I was glad to learn that by dividing a large

hole about 10 feet at the bottom of the large well. an abundant supply of water is thought to be obtained — 6th day 3. Rose early and took passage again at 5 P.M. O'Clk for Fall River — employed my time onboard the boat in writing a letter to Mr. Miller on sundry points of workmanship &c. — Set off for home in my wagon after making some arrangements for repairing the blocks for my heavy crane purchase &c — and got home soon after 10 Oclk — reported to the G. House &c — and between 3 & 4 O'Clk. according to their previous notice that they would lay out a Street from North & Merfield St. it being a continuation of Water St., two of the Select men, viz Eph. Kempton and Wm Howland Jr. rode down my Wharf — I remonstrated with them but without effect on the impropriety of further action by the Town, when their attention at two successive Special Mtgs. has so recently been called to the same subject — By my argument were disregarded. — They believing it their duty to consent for the consideration of the town. all application for

Streets. I enquired there who were the petitioners for the Street — They referred me to document on file at the Collectors Room — I soon after called there and requested J B Congden to give me a sight of the said Petition — after some unsuccessful attempt — he took me into Jabez Dupee Jr. was the only name to the application — I availed myself of the occasion to take a copy of the petition for the former laying out — returned to the C.J. Office — & finished the day, and spent part of the evg. there also —

4th day 4th — Occupied at the C.J. Office through the day & evg

1st day 5th prepared temp.ce & Peace Papers for circulation before breakfast — attended Mtgs. as usual and passed the rest of the day at the C.J. House, Sally Hammond took tea with us, C. N. Morgan & L. Fish — called on A. Robeson Smith in the evg. but was too late to see her. She is nearly recovered from her late severe cold — Mrs Chace took meals with the family, but She is obliged to keep in darkened Rooms.

2d. day 6th Devoted this day to my C.J. House duties Chiefly called at Mr Thurs and A Robesons in the evg.

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3d. day 7th. Devoted my time as usual to my business at the Cg. House. except the hours of my two meals. a call at my uncle Williams on acct. of the Bellevue House and the lecture at the Lyceum by the Rev. Mr. Hale on the Pilgrims in Holland — at the close of which I returned to the Cg Hse to finish the evg.

4th. day 8th. Occupied much as usual in duties at the Cg. House & gave some attention to the repair of the oil Shed and called at mothers — attended the Semi Annual Mg. of the trustees of the N.B Instn. for Savings — and spent the evg. till a late hour at the Cg. House

5th. day 9th — We had our double windows taken off to day — my time has been mainly devoted to Cg House duties — Jno. Hawes was with us at tea, he & Edd. having an engagement abroad in the evgs I was unusually late at the Cg. House, occupied chiefly in relation to the new attempt which is to be made at the annual Meeting to extend Water Street through the Scite of our Cotton Factory —

6th. day 10th. Spent the day in devotion to my business at the Cg Hse & — The men who made our Iron chimney came to day to put together the sections

in which it came from Fall River — I was at the Cg. House in the eg —

4th Day 11th — At the Cg. House & through the day with the usual exceptions save that came home a little before 2 to attend the funeral services over the remains of the late Mr. Asa Nye. — Mr. Snow from Taunton officiated — She was much and deservedly loved and is deeply lamented by numerous friends — though they have the great consolation to believe that She was prepared for the change which consigns her mortal elements to the tomb. We had my bro.r in law's Son Lindley Fish with us at tea with our Nephew S Rodman Morgan — and Ch.s Randall called in the eg — L L R left us a qr when I went to the Cg. House and was detained till a late hour

1st Day 12th Attended Meetings as usual called at mothers, and found her very well — also to see Mr. Tompkins whose severe and sudden hoarseness run into the Croup, from the severe symptoms of which he was relieved by active & prompt medical attention — called also to see my Aunt Mary who did not seem quite so well as when I last saw her — Rem. of the day at home. read &c — in — cluding two of Dr. Arnold's Sermons audibly — called a few minutes in the latter part

of the Wg. to see Mr. Elliot in relation to the Town Mg. to-morrow and its action on Water St. But learned that he and Page & Coffin & Clifford would all be out of Town

2d. day 13th. Went to the Cg. House early in the morng. and was occupied there till 9 Oclk when I went to the Bank and thence to the Town House this being the day of the annual Town Meeting — but as nothing very important was likely to be done — I concluded to go to Fall River this being the day of the Quarterly meeting and some business connected with the Factory making it desirable to go there — the ride was uncomfortable from the high & Easterly wind — Spent some time at the Office of the P. Coy. and then attended to my other business at the Lodge & so got ready to return about 8 Oclk — and had an uncomfortable ride from the rain snow &c — arrived about 11 Oclk.

3d. day 14th. At the Cg. House in the morng — after breakfast went to the adjt. of the Town Mg — to be present when action was had upon the new application for the acceptance of Water to Marshfield St. — this with numerous other similar applications was referred to a Comtt. to report at the adjournment on the 25th. Inst. — The business being finished I went to the Cg.

House — and devoted the time to business. The latter part of the afternoon and eve. being devoted to a Statement of the past proceedings in relation to Water St. to get the opinion of some eminent jurist on the legality of the same — I was engaged till a very late hour without completing the State —

4th. day 15th — Finished and despatched by mail my Statement to Jeremiah Mason of Boston — and devoted the rem. of the day to business at the Cg House — and was again this part of the day — Mr. Tompkins is still confined to the house with ill health to the delay of our Factory operations —

5th day 16th. Engaged at the Cg. House the most of the day — Smlt Humphrey Davis Jr in the street who remarked on the death of his uncle or his wife's uncle Isaac Vincent — he said that Vincents Will cut him off from sharing in his property though a part of it was rightfully his own — his uncle had wrong him and his creditors in holding personally what was only designed as a temporary expedient — But there was in his mind much doubt in his mind as to the truth of the report that Vincents Estate would have a part-honorous heir — and if not, the will would probably be annulled and then the property would be under his control & he would do justice by

134 his creditors (though legally discharged) among whom were my fathers heirs — I made only a short call at the C. H.se — Simon Barrows of the Academy called on me yesterday at the C. House to talk about the institution — He has a very small no. of Scholars, but is still sanguine of being able if he can secure a competent female assistant of raising and sustaining the School at a high point of usefulness and reputation, he intended to make another effort to obtain Abby Atwood in that relation. 6th day 17th Assiduously engaged as usual by my C House & factory duties &c to — At the Store moderately late — Sister Phebe is confined to her room & bed, by a severe cold which it would appear, that she contracted yesterday in making some calls in the chilly atmosphere which then prevailed. 7th day 18th Occupied much as usual at the C. House to — We have rec.d this week from Taunton 22 Cards and 13 Coilers for the Cotton Mantg — The heavy payments now coming due at this juncture of Com.l uncertainty and distress on acc.t of the maladministration of the Government give me great anxiety.

1st day 19th prepared Peace and Temp.ce

papers for distribution among the Boarding houses for Seamen, before breakfast — attended Meeting as usual — called to see Mother and to enquire after Mr. Tompkins and passed the rest of the day at home Mary &c

2d day 20th. Spent the morning at the Cg. House. at 9 went to the Bk. Directors mg. — and after attending to some other concerns about the wharf &c came home to breakfast and — and a little after noon set off in my wagon with Edwd Gifford to go to Fall River & Tiverton to buy a pair of Oxen &c — called at several places on the way and finally started towards evg for Tiverton — where I bot a pair of Cattle of Joseph Osborne — and leaving my man to drive them to Fall River for the night I set off for home where I arrived about 11 Oclk

3d day 21st Went to the Cg Hse as usual in the morng — and was engaged there most of the day and evg — The Riggers making preparation for raising Iron Chimney for the Cotton Mill —

4th day Went to the R.R. Depot in the morng — thence to the Cg. House, the frost would discourage the Riggers from

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raising the Chimney — which I did not regret as it gave us an opportunity to modify our plan by substituting chain or Iron guys for the rope which we had proposed to have — the action of the weather on these by changes in point of humidity making them objectionable, especially as it may be desirable to let them remain some month before they are taken down — eve at home Caroline & Deborah Merton being here after tea, but I had previous to coming home concluded not to go out again to the Store

5th. day 23d — At the Cg. House & Bank before breakfast — afterwards at the Cg the Whf. premises through the day and eve — Francis went with one of his young friends to Fall River yesterday and returned this eve — Edm? is confined to the house with a Cold —

6th day 24th Engaged as usual at the Cg. House the niggers raised successfully to day the Iron Chimney of the Steam Mill, the preparations having been made they commenced heaving at the Capstan about 9 Oclk. and at my return breakfast about 11 it was standing erect the base stands five feet above the Surface of the

ground, the length of the pipe being 96 feet makes the extreme elevation 101 feet — it looks very high, the experiment appeared a little critical and was not unattended with anxiety, and I am thankful that it has been attended with no accident — I passed the remainder of the day & evening — in my usual avocations,

7th. day 25th. The morning of this day was devoted to making interest with some of my friends and fellow citizens who have a Sympathy with me either from feeling or interest in relation to the extension of Water Street to my premises, under the article in the Warrant for its extension to Maxfield Street. — at the Mtg — on the report of the Comtee on the subject being read, which was adverse to its extension as proposed in the article, in the Warrant. I move as an amendment that the Street be accepted as far as the north line of Hillman Street — This was earnestly opposed by the partizans of James Dunfee who was the sole petitioner for the extension of the same to Maxfield Street the most prominent of whom was Sampson Perkins Dudley Davenport & Jn. H Parker, the latter having moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter, which was negatived my supporters were Edw.d M. Robinson Rodney French D. R Greene Hen. Parker and James Arnold

though I did much of the talking myself. — to bring it within the rule which had been acted on in the vote of the previous Special Meeting on this subject it was deemed necessary to my success to attach a condition of guaranty to the Town against damages for the land to be comprised in the Street, across Geo. Howlands lot, and with this condition the Vote passed — My only hesitation to assuming the responsibility arising from the apprehension that the Select men who I supposed would be biased in favor of George (the Chairman being his Son) but I was assured from various quarters that their judgment would not be final and that I might have the damages assessed by a jury of the County — The question was under consideration about 2 hours and the vote was very decided though from protracted discussion & the lateness of morning hour, the meeting was not large — S. Perkins showed great sensitiveness in regard to the acquired rights of Unknown parties under the vote of Jany. (no one having come forward to give the bonds required by that vote and run the Street through our Cotton Mill to Marshfield St — the drift of his argument being that the advantage which I should acquire in getting an avenue to my wharf from the South (& the public con-

vexation of the measure being quite lost sight of or wilfully disregarded) could not be used ~~with less effect~~ as a Set off against the damage sustained in the destruction of the Cotton Mill by extending the Street through its Site to James Duffee's blacksmith's Shop!! T. Frame wished to have the vote of the late meeting giving others the right of frustrating an important and expensive enterprise, worth ten times the value of J. Dr. whole establishment — I returned after a short recess, and a call at J. H. W. Page's & T. H. Green who were of the opinion that it might be out of order to raise the question of reconsideration as it was not in the warrant — remained at the Town Hall till the close of the Meeting — partly to be on the Spot and ready to oppose any attempt if made to reverse the vote in which I was so deeply interested — but no movement was made to that end though I have learned since the close of the meeting that something of the kind was meditated, but some friendly voice gave H. G. Snell an intimation of the plan and he took some precautions to defeat the attempt if made before I got back to my post of vigilance — after the meeting I came home to my late dinner and joined the family at tea. Eliza Drinker was with us

whom I accompanied to C.N. Morgans & then went to the Cg House and wrote to Jer.h Mason on some legal questions suggested by the proceedings of the day which detained me till very late — Thus it now appears I may obtain through this long defered municipal action the use of Water Street of which I have been maliciously deprived for the last 4¾ years by Geo. Howland. If this prospect should be realized, may I be duly thankful to an overruling Providence for the favor, & forgive the individual who has done so much, without any just grounds of offence that I am aware of on my part, to injure me.

1.st day 26.th Rose early to note the weather and spent most of the time till breakfast in writing up this diary which had got a few days in arrear attended Meetings as usual, called to see mother between meetings and there saw Thos. R. Fisher my Nephew from Wakefield and his son William a well grown and pleasant youth of 14 — Thos. has been on a tour of business and taken this place to see his relations on the way — On getting home I found Ann R Nye from Fall River who remained till near the Meeting hour — I was at the Episcopal M.g. in the ev.g — our cousin Anna Arnold called

to see my wife & in the afternoon. She told us that Cousin Sarah was troubled somewhat as we chew it has been, with inflamation of the eye. Edmund yet confined to the house though his cold is better 2d day 27 At the Mg. Hse and bank before breakfast - On my way to the former place met Sampson Perkins and had a long conversation with reference to his opposition to my motion for extending the St. to Hillman St. He disclaimed all personal opposition to me or my interests - or partiality to Jas. Dunfee Jr - but acted his course exclusively on the interests of the Town - a very slender foundation in my opinion this affords him for a justification however in his character as one of a Corporation he perhaps but carried out the observation that those bodies have no Souls. I spent most of the day in writing a letter to the Select men of the town embracing my declaration that I was ready to execute the Bond for the extension of Water St. as soon as they would have one prepared to their satisfaction which I sent to them through the Post Office. Spent the eg. at home - We having the company of my mother and Sister Eliza and their guests T. R. Fisher & his son to tea - Mr. Kasson called in the eg - and made some suggestions resulting from some conversation with S Perkins or some observations of the latter, which

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however were anticipated by my prompt tender to the Select men of the bond required by the vote of the Town

3d. day 28th. Occupied chiefly at the C.H. & Factory. Let the little air pump to fill my Syphon pipe to drain the cellar at the N.H. and succeeded well. Though a glass section to show when the water flows into the tube of the pump is required for convenience — T.R. Fisher was at the Factory but I missed of seeing him which I regretted — he with his son left town this afternoon as did the three English friends who came to this Country from England to harmonize the Church at the West — what success has attended their mission I have not been informed. they took this place in their way to embark in the Caledonia on the 1st prox. — they are Josiah Foster George Stacy & Allen — Jno. Hoskin was from the same district as one of them and saw them several times during the 21 hours they were here. — Edmund at the C.H. Hosea Edmund is yet confined to the house.

4th. day 29th. Spent my time in C.H. &c. duties &c. attention to Factory &c &c. used the little air pump to fill the tube in

the cw.j to drain the cellar - with success - having failed when the tide was out - from the position of the orifice, not at the highest point, and the outer leg the longest - at the Cg. Hse. in the cw.j - Mary at his aunt Rd. party 5th. day 30th. Spent the day as usual, called to see my niece Ellen in regard to her legacy and afterward at her fathers Cg. room, but he did not allude to the business, neither did I as he was engaged in writing - at the Cg. Hse in the cw.j - M Ruggles and Julia were here to call - have come to attend the party last evg - Edm.d does not get much better. I called again at the Select men's office but did not find them in. Saw H. Kempton in the Store and told him my objects - Had a note from the Ch.n Sayers that they waited the return of J. H. Clifford from Taunton to prepare the bond

6th. day 5/1 Occupied as usual at the Cg. Hse Factory &c through the day & evg - Our son Thos. arrived this evg. from Cambridge - There being a Vacation of a few days consequent on the recent inauguration of the New President Edward Everett - he seems to be very well, though he has had a second attack of sore throat, after he returned from his late Vacation. Edm.d about the same.

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7th day 2d — Made preparations at the C.H. in the morning for leaving home for Fall River — for which place I set off about 10 o'clk. — Spent the afternoon in my business there, and returned in the ev.g

1st day 3d Rose early and prepared Peace & Temp.e papers for distribution through the 1st days of the current month — at the Seamen's boarding houses — which occupied me till the Meeting hour, which I attended as usual — called at Mothers at the close of the 2d M.g — Dined at home — The M.g House being without fire, and having omitted to take an overcoat, in the afternoon I had an uncomfortable sitting

2d day 4th At the C.H. House before breakfast and most of the day at home writing a Com.n to the Selectmen in reference to Water St. — Rec.d from these gentlemen the Bond which they had prepared in pursuance of the Conditional vote of the Town, and my announcement that I was prepared to sign it — and on finishing my Communication. I went to A. Robesons C.H. Room and there I signed it as did he also as my Surety; and I committed it to Jn.o Hoskin to copy and return to the Selectmen — I was at the C.H. House as usual in the ev.g

3d day 5th Our family is quite reduced this morg by the departure of Sister Phoebe & Mary for Fall River and Thomas for Cambridge — I devoted myself to C.G. House business — and was thus employed also in the afn I was informed by Geo. Howland Jr Clk of the Selectmen that in consideration of his relation as the Son of the party to whom I am to pay the damages which may be awarded by them in consequence of the extension of Water St. he should decline all agency direct and indirect in making up the Estimate — a decision which I informed him was not wholly unexpected to me — and with which I shd of course be satisfied.

4th day 6th Finding my Cold affecting my lungs rather severely I thought it most prudent to remain at home and I have been buried in writing letters &c — had a call from A.G. Snell and John Hopkins from whom I learned that the Town Surveyor was removing the Stones which Geo Howland had placed on the line of Water Street two years ago, purposely & avowedly to prevent my having any use of that St. as an entrance for teams &c to my Wharf — and that Geo Howland's team with Jn° Briggs driver the same that put the Stones there by his masters order in the Spring of 1844 was the first to pass (and with some difficulty) over the partially removed obstruction. On

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achieving which he made some marked demonstration of pleasure, showing that he had no sympathy with the feelings which dictated the order under which he acted in 1844.

5th. day 7th. Occupied at home through the day chiefly in studying the history & construction of the Steam Engine from the Edinburg Encyclopedia

6th. day 8th. Still at home with my cold which however is better — I have been investigating subjects connected with the Steam Engine and its application to our Cotton Mill. Hydrodinamics &c.

7th. day 9th. I continued my mathematical investigations till near noon when I went to the wharf and saw the avenue which had been opened to water St. by the removal by the Town Authorities of the Stones which have so long stopped the Com^n, and many teams availed of it in the course of the afternoon — Gave some attention to the work of removing the Hay Scale & went to the Ann^l Mg of the Bridge Co. but did not remain long, on the suggestion that the pending question on the measures to be taken to meet the proceedings relative to removg. the obstruction which shoal waters & narrow width of the draw present to the free navigation of the River, involved on my part conflicting in-

treats which might make it proper for me to be absent — The Chimney is up and capped with Pale Rain Granite to the top of the Square part. 25 ft. The Stones 4 in number cover the whole wall to the lining for the air crevice 1 Stones being firmly cramped with Iron on the top. with Lewises entering. the brick work at the bottom — The Lt. Stay. Rolls are clear up - and preparations are made to start the round Shaft on 2d day. Spent the Eg. at the Lt. House. and tried to walk through a hard Shower Susan with her Cousin Rachel went to Fall River this morng. 1st day 10 — Attended Meeting as usual called at Mothers, and walked to N.G. Snell's to return a bor. Umbrella - Rec'd of the day at home — read to keep up a little with the Current News, and in the Eg. — two of D. Arnolds Rugby Sermons — Walter Mitchel called and took letters for Nat at Cambridge whither he returns with his Mother tomorrow 2d. day 11th At the Lt. Hse. & Bank N.G. before breakfast and at my concerns at the Lt Hse &c Wharf &c afterwards and Lt Hse in the Eg — 3d. day 12. Occupied much as yesterday at the Wharf & Lt House — partly guiding the men who were making a division in the Cellar of Store No 4 to accom. the two Ship Carpenters

who are now to be the occupants in severalty for docking their small timber Vessels — eg at the Cg. House — A letter from Newyork to day announced the death of my wife's aunt Sally Haydock relict of her Uncle Henry after an illness of 5 or 6 weeks — She was a very amiable and Capable woman, and will be widely lamented. beyond her numerous family and relatives.

4th day 13th — At the Cg. House. & wharf & laiding in through the day, overseeing some work there to accomodate — One of my ship customers for a plan of deposite for a quy of Ship Planks &c — at the Cg. also a short time in the evg — found Mr. Barrows of the Steady here on very return — whose success to the general view of the Coast seems to discouraging, notwithstanding his Scholarship and amiable character good principles does not appear to discourage him — The Ann. Mg. of the Trustees takes place tomorrow, when I shall not be surprised if the question of closing the Steady is seriously agitated — I rec'd today from E. M. Robinson some minutes of a conversation between Abm Barker & Geo Howland, who evinced the same malignant hostility towards me as on former

occasion S. he W^d. not have the Street to go to
my Wh^f. for $1000 — though in a subsequent Con-
versation he S. he would give James Dunbar
$1000 if he would carry it to Mayfield St —
but that he would not become a party to the Contract
5^th. day 14^th. Occupied as usual in my C.H. House and
in seeing after the concerns of the Cotton Factory through
the day and in the e.e. attended a Special Meeting
of the trustees of Friends Acad^y — at my Uncle Wm.
Rotch Jun^r — The subject was the declining Number
of Scholars — though no tangible objection could
be suggested against Mr. Barrows — his want of
Pedantry appears to result from a lack of tact &
dignity — went to the C.H. House at the close of the
e.e. to take care of my books
6^th. day 15^th. At the C.H. Hse in the morn^g. to prepare
for leaving for Fall River to see after my business
there — got away about 11 O'Clk. & spent the after-
noon in making enquiries and observations &c
and got home again about 11 O'Clk —
7^th. day 16^th. Spent the day at the Wh^f. & C.H. House
principally, giving some attention to my Sub. Mar.
Exam^r. to prepare for its use at Fall River, e.e.
at the C.H House.
1^st. day 17. Walked to the Wh^f. after breakfast
calling at Mothers; and meeting Thos. H. Greene as
he was entering his place of Public Worship the Lyceum

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I went in and sat with him, the weather being a little unpleasant, there were no women and about a Doz. men beside ourselves — My Uncle Wm. Rotch J. who generally occupies the most prominent seat was absent, probably detained by a slight injury to his foot, by fall in getting out of his riding wagon — attended mtg. as usual in the afternoon. — Judge Prescott called him in the wg

2d. day 18th. Attended to my ordinary affairs in the morng. & forenoon, and went in the Cars in the afternoon to Fall River to take back the wagon in which Isaac Francis went over this morng. to begin work — after attending to my concerns there and preparing to leave for home — I was discouraged by the approaching rain & change of weather and went to my sisters & staid and passed the night —

3d. day 19th. Set off on my return from Fall River pretty early and got home about 9 Oclk. & — made preparation for leaving for Boston in the afternoon with Mr. Tompkins to attend to some things relating to the Steam Mill Co. — Took lodgings at the Pearl St. House to meet Simeon Borden — where I also saw Rowland Hazard.

4th. day 20th. Attended to our business in Boston — had a conversation with Isaac Comey J. Ma-

chemist at S. Boston in relation to our Engine & the advantage of applying a Condenser it being with small Cylinders calculated for high Steam — He condemned the change and said we should gain nothing by it. His opinion was confirmed by Dancat an intelligent & experienced Engineer who happens to be at Mr. C's office — Consulted at S Borden's room the work of the Royal Corps of Engineers relative to the Warming & Ventilating the Reform Club House London — Engaged a Fan of Mr. Babbitt, the inventor, for our Ventilating & Warming Scheme for the Factory — to whom we explained the Plan, to which he gave his prompt and decided assent — as entirely rational and promising success — I was unable to get out to Cambridge to see Thomas, for want of time — I failed also from the same cause of accomplishing some of my other intentions — Ch. H. Morgan was with us in the Cars — Got home at 7 P.M. & found all well except Sister P. who has an oppressive cold — had a call from Mr. Jones the Electrical Prof. in relation to the Bell Key Hous — and afterward went to write letters at the G. House

5th day 21st Attended the Bank Directors meeting and to the concerns of the County. Hse. and many — I learned to day that a crack was discovered in the wall of the boiler house, indi-

ting a slight settling of the foundation of the factory Chimney — but it does not appear to alter its perpendicularity the present elevation is about 55 feet — 45 more yet to be added

6th. day 22d. Occupied at the G. House & more by with reference to Factory business. R. Ob. Thurston of the house in Providence which has done our Engine work, was here to whom I explained the objections to the Condenser to a high pressure Engine like ours — He did not admit their force, and expressed a confidence that it would be found to add to the Power of the Engine —

7th. day 23d. Spent the morn. at the G. Hse. in a trip to the R.R. Depot &c, and after a late breakfast set off to see after my Concerns at Fall River — had a little rain on the ride — most of the time that I was there — the work being in part suspended by it — was disappointed as not finding the Scows down from Taunton, called at my br. in Law's and, when on the point of setting off on my return, was discouraged by the threatening of heavy rain — and went to M. H. Bagley's where I joined them at their late dinner — and staid all night. the rain being very heavy with very vivid light & much thunder

1st. Day 24th. Left Fall River at 5 O'clk and found the roads had been overflowed in several places by the Swelling of the brooks beyond the capacity of the Sluices to pass — the ground about my Whf. house was very much washed away, and the Rail Road track Covered with Stones & Gravel the embankment to keep off the water from the Channel in Danforth St. on my premises having given way — got home at 7¼ O'clk and found all pretty well — Attended Mtgs. as usual & also the afternoon Mtg. at the Bethel — which was largely attended — Mr Howe conducted the Services in his usual earnest and interesting manner — I learned after the close of the afternoon Mtg in Spring St. that the Bethel was Struck with lightning last night, the floor side Ceiling and plastering being a little Shattered, the bale which formed one leg of the Stove thrown out Split in 10 Pieces, some of the Shingles on the N. Side Started off, and the wooden cleat which confined the Lightg. Conductor to the house, broken, a portion of the Electricity Seemed to pervade the house adjacent, and the inmates were slightly Shocked the next house South Chapman's was Struck and one corner, as I understand Shattered

A Schr. lying in the harbor as anchor had her mast struck, I called at Mothers, & walked round by my North lot, rem: of the day at home — had the usual devotional reading — and conversation about the attendance of Mrs. and Susan at the Academy the ensuing quarter, to which they seem quite reconciled —

Sat. day 25th At the Cg. House before breakfast then to the Bk. Directors Mtg — rem: of the day at the Wharf. Premises, principally about the Factory business, planned the top of the Chimney — and gave some attention to the removal of the Oak plank &c which belonged to the Ship Carpenters at the foot of Hillman Street preparatory to its extension to the intersection of Water St. West in the Wg. to see Mr. Thomas of the Furnace about the Casting for the Chimney top but failed to see, as he was out as one of the Firemen at the torch light exhibition in compliment to the Pres Cg. from Fall River who came this morning in the Cars to spend the day at the Invitation of our Firemen — It was a striking display — finished the day at the Cg. House — Edwd. not yet returned from Boston whither he went on Seventh day last to spend 1st day with his bro: at Cam-

bridge &c 3d day
3d day 26th Made enquiries relative to the Castings for the Chimney top — a Steam Engine for the Foundry before breakfast — Rem[ainder] of the day given to Concerns of the Factory, in draining the Cellar of the Store on the Wh[ar]f. to felling the lower part of Hillman St — and to the business of visiting the So. wall of my N° Lots — 10 A.M. at the C.H. House where I had a Call from R. C. Topham & C. P. Tompkins relative to a Steam Engine of 3 horse Power at Warren — and Studied D. Reid's work on Ventilation &c.
4th day 27th Engaged at the C.H. House before breakfast preparing to leave for Fall River — Set off about 10 Oclk — Spent the afternoon in seeing after my Concerns there, the log rope for the foundation of my S. Wh[ar]f Wall about half done — left on my return at 7 h Oclk and got home about 10 — The Fam[ily] took tea at my Mothers — The weather a little rocking. Rained hard after my return. Ed[ward] rec[eive]d this ev[enin]g
5th day 28th Engaged at the C. H. Factory through the day & ev[enin]g — Ed & Frank with some of their young friends, on a fish[ing] expedition at the R[ed] Hills Light house — Where they returned about 7 Oclk

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6th day 29th Engaged at the Cg. House & factory making some experiments on the common winnowing fans, and on my submarine examiner or rather preparing for the latter in the W.J — which with some Cg. House writing detained me till very late, viz between 11 & 12 Oclk

7th day 30th Made some experiments with my Examining tube at the wharf which were very Satisfactory — a slight leak in the plain Glass tube impairing in some degree the clearness of the view of the bottom of the dock — at 10 Oclk Set off with Capt Barstow for Fall River the purpose of his going was to measure some of the logs for the foundation of my wharf wall — The ride was a little unpleasant from a drizzling rain — which interrupted the work via the afternoon — The pier for the E. wall was finished at noon — and but for the want of the long poles for guiding it to the bottom it might have been put in a position to sink to morrow morg if the Calm easterly weather shd continue so long which appears probable — I sent into the Country to get them in this Cg but did not

succeed in obtaining them — I devoted the afternoon to settling with my men and attending to some business of the Pocasset Company — left for home about 8 o'clk and got home about 11 —

1st day 31st. Attended meeting as usual went to see Isaac & Bradford Francis with reference to my Fall River business &c, and walked to my north lots — At home the rest of the day & evg. the Rev. Mr Snow was with us at tea and for a short time after

2d. day 6mo 1 Off about Sunrise with Isaac Francis for Fall River. Spent the day in attending to my business there preparing for and assisting in securing the raft of logs in the proper position for sinking to make the foundation of the outer section of my north wall — the oak & poles which were to be used for piles to keep the raft in its place did not get in till about 8 o'clk which delayed our work so that it was past 9 before the job was accomplished — when I went to Mr H. Ruggles' and took supper and lodged

3d. day 2 — rose in good season and went to the work at the wharf; & by sinking the raft, which we succeeded in doing and about 10½ o'clk I went to Mary Rodmans to breakfast

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and spent the rem: of the day in completg the last load of the Schooner, which with what was put onboard yesterday made up the quantg 56 Tons marked & also the Brakes and noting the intermediate Sinks in the business points of 20. 40. & 50 Tons — left for home about ½ 7 Cclk with Edw. Gifford who drove the Oxen over yesterday. got home about 10 Cclk —

4th day 3. Gave my time to business at the Cg House & included an experiment with my Sub marine Examiner, which answered my expectation — wg again at the Cg House

5th day 4th Occupied almost all the day in the Cg. House, went to the meetg. of 13th Director — Evening at home Senior Barrow & wife being with us — Mr. B has concluded to give in his resignation, when upon the Institution will probably be closed

6th day 5th Engaged at the Cg. House and Factory through the day excepting the usual time at my Lictenly 2 meals, and a call at J. Clapps to see him about the notes of Edwin Sampson Jr which he signed as surety & joint promiser — the former having failed — At the Cg. house a short time

in the eve — My wife had a call from her former friend Margaret Hillis of Wilmington Del.ᵃ who with her husband daughter & Son in law are on a visit to Charles father's, Geo. Howland, at whose house we of course abstain from calling — She declined an invitation to visit us tomorrow —

7th. day 6th. Chiefly confined to the C.H. to day bringing up my books and looking over those of the Steam Mill C.J. and consulting their financial affairs preparatory to the Mtg of Stockholders to be held on 2d. day next — was there again for a couple of hours in the eve — had one or two of D.C. Peirce's men to adjust the windows of the basement ~~&~~ which had become mismatched in the house cleaning operations of the present week — also adjusted that in the mill room so as to admit of opening the whole Space occupied by both Sashes —

1st. day 7 — Rose early and adjusted my printing apparatus to the new position, in the ex-School Room, now sub-divided and appropriated to the Work Shop Store room and Cab.ᵗ of Nat.ᵃ Hist.ʸ &c, for my operations in this line during the warm Season — in which adjustment ate the windows on the South by 2 —

calling from the garret, the writing form made for the first lessons to our three Elder children, the Seat being detached, and the form placed to the wall, a couple of blocks on the flat portion of the top forms a firm support for the outer edge of a plane table the inner edge of which rests on the window stool thus forming a very firm resting place for the press when in use while the floor under the writing form is long enough for it as other times, and the space between the top of this & the table gives protection to the type cases, and the other printg. materials, while the shelf in the writing desk furnishes a very convent. place of deposite for the papers printed and to be printed for distribution — when prepared I did my printg for this month viz by impressing upon the blank margin of the temp.ce Peace tracts which I have provided for that purpose, an invitation to the Seamen in port, in the name of the N.B. Port Soc'y to attend divine Service at the Bethel — I did the work for the four Sabbaths of the month comprising about 250 impressions — attended Ref. as usual — and in the eve was at Grace Church

and heard a Sermon from Mr. Bent of Taunton who called and Spent an hour with us at the close of the Service — I called to See my mother during the day, and was otherwise at home

2. day 8th My usual engagements at the C.G. Hse and Factory, have principally occupied my attention. I was at the Bank directors mtg. at 8 o'clk. At a Mtg of the Trustees of Friends Academy in the evg. at C.W. Morgans, on the retiring 3. day 9th the near completion of the brick work of the factory Chimney re- a good deal of my attention to devise the best mode of finishing its Summit without detaching the iron guys wch we propose to allow to remain for Some months, which were the supports of the metal pipe when raised to its vertical position — that the Support when transferred to the brick Shaft, may prevent any inequality of depression in the foundation, if there Should be any such tendency — though its firmness as far as yet appears is highly Satisfactory — confirming the conclusion that the log raft and wharf wall which I originally built at the early Stage of my wharf operations in ten feet of mud & Water big about

the year might prove sufficiently firm make a good site for a brick Steeple on a base of 11 or 12 ft. Square, of 100 feet high and to contain materials of from 250 to 300 tons weight — the correctness of this conclusion to which I did arrive without much anxious consideration, I am happy in having so far confirmed by the proof — as to leave no reasonable ground for further misgiving — at the Office till late in the aft. I had a call from Benj. S. Rotch now of Boston & of the firm of Almy Patterson & Co with reference to the agency of the Manf. as Sellers of the goods — and to aiding us in our finances —

4th day 10th Occupied my forenoon principally about the Factory Chimney &c — after a very late breakfast I prepared to go to Fall River, and finally got off about 2 Oclock, taking with me in the Wagon my "Sub aqueous examiner" to see if it would aid Isaac in his wharfing business — We made a trial of it from the north Wall in deep say 12 ft. water and spied at the bottom a fish of the molusca tribe commonly called a fine finger, which

is of a quite dark color, the water appears much less clear than in our harbor the turbid deposites of the extensive manufactories on the Stream thickening the water for a considerable distance along the shore and for a wide distance off — I left F.R. about 8½ and got home about 11 — the weather beautifully clear with a full moon & mild temp.

5th. day 11 — Most of my time has been devoted to the operations at the factory & the Chimney, the brick work was this day completed, and the patterns adjusted for the Casting with which its Summit is to be crowned — had a call from Wm. W. Hazard of the Bellevue House, which took my time from between 1 & 2 — to 4 Oclk — I accompanied him to the Cars and had the good fortune to meet Wm Dexter at the Depot, on his way to Boston — whom we wished to consult relative to supplying the Steam boiler with Rain water from the large Cistern, on acct. of the deposite which forms from the Well water — I was at the C.H. House a short time in the eve

6th day 12 Occupied at the Factory & Chimney the day and eve

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At the Q. Hse in the morning and again till near 2 O'Clk when I left for Fall River to pass the night at Sister Lydia's and go the next morng to Newport — reached F.R. a little before 5 Oclk —

1st day 14th Rose early and walked to the whf. Bonneville & the ledge — and took a hasty breakfast and left with my bro: M. H. Ruggles in the Steamboat Perry for Newport found on board among the passengers by the cars from N. Bedford my bro: Wm & Andrew & nephew Fredk Robeson — W.R. Robeson was also on board — arr: at Newport about 9 Oclk and went with my brothers &c to the Bellevue House — looked over the House and then went to the Fy. Mg. in the old place which was very large, and comparatively quiet Thomas Anthony and Several friends from a distance or other Fy. Meetings Spoke, but not with any remarkable ability or unction — Saw after Mg. Isaac Tho: & Rowland Hazard — met at the table Some men who had worked on the house the present Year, who wished to make to Andr: & myself Some explanations — In the afternoon I went to the Meeting of the other division of the Soty — John Wilbur & others — which was held in vacant

Church on Clark Street — this was small
Jno. Wilbur Price Gardner & two others spoke
but not with any particular interest — At
the close of the Mg. I went to the whf. to see
my bro.r depart in the Steamboat but found
that She had gone abt. half an hour before,
at the close of the other and longer meeting
— I then took a walk to the Southern part
of the Island and after this made a short
call quite late at Silas Sisson's — My bro.r in
Law Edw.d H. Price we found on arriving had come
in the N. York boat this Mg — I saw but little
of him to learn his plan for the week, as I
did not see him as I expected to do in the Mg.
he having returned before I came in —
2.d day 15.th rose at Daylight to have a
chance to look into one of the Cotton Mills before
5 O'clk when I was to leave on my return
in the Steamboat Perry for Fall River — at the
ringing of the first bell 4¼ O'clk I gained ad-
mittance at the Coddington Mill and passed
through it — and examined the Steam works
which are in a low building Separate from
the Factory Engine rated at 100 horses. and
carries about 10.000 Spindles and the correspond-
ing other Machinery — left Newport Soon
after 5 O'clk and was at F. River before 7 —
— gave some attention to my whf business and

having made at my Sisters the requisite preparation for leaving for home and taking a light refreshment Depot off about 10 O'Clk and home at 1 the weather being very warm — found the family pretty well and — and after dining with them, called at mothers and devoted the remainder of the day & eg to Cg. the duties — &c &c

3d day 16th Rode to my West lot before breakfast to see after my Potatoes &c took breakfast & dinner with the family and omitted the eg. meal, devoting my time to the business of the Cg. House & Factory — On my return in the eg found bro Hussey & his daughters who with our Children had been to see the Rockets discharged from the Revenue Cutter Capt. Skuggis who is about leaving this Station to return to Boston harbor — The display is represented as not very brilliant —

4th day 17th Walked to my No. lot before breakfast — and attended to the Accounts of the Estate a considerable part of the forenoon — rest of the day and eg. mostly at the Cg. House, called at N. Roberts on business relating to the Bellevue House and again to see Manson Tucker relative

to the business of the Steam Mill Co.
5th day 18 Rode Walked to my north lots before breakfast — and was there again in the forenoon calling at the R.R. Depot, where the large gear wheel of our Engine was in the act of loading to be taken to the Mill. Met Messrs Alvy & Patterson of the firm of Alvy Patterson & Co of Boston at the Co. House in relation to the agency for the Sale of our Cotton Goods Geo Hussey being there also on behalf of our Co. In the afternoon gave attention with Mr Tompkins to some experiments with the Fanner for our hot air movement — at Co. House duties in the evg — called at the Parker House to see Alvy Patterson by appointment after dinner — They are well disposed to meet our views but dont think it will be convenient to go to the limit of our necessities —
6th day 19th Walked to the N. lots before brkft and called at W. Gordons to make some enquiries relative to the qualifications of an applicant for the charge of a boarding house for female operatives of the Factory — gave my attention to the business of the Oil Works Fan. Co House — made some further experiments with the Fanners at the close of the working hours — when the large Gear wheel was put together on the Shafts — Went to the Quarterly

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meeting of the Executive Board of the Port Society in the evg. and afterwards to finish my business at the Cg House.

4th day 20th. Went to the Cg. Hse. in the morng. and again for a short time after breakfast preparatory to going to Fall River to see after my business there, took little Ellen with me to spend a few hours at her Aunts — got there about 1 Oclk and was at home again about ½ past 8. — a little drizzle on the ride home detracted a little from its pleasantness. Rec'd Mr Parker's

5th day 21st Rose early — attended meetings as usual, and in the evg went with the family to Grace Church to see & hear Mr Parker of Stockbridge who officiated to day — he gave a good Sermon: Mark the perfect man and the upright, for the end of that man is peace" Dear Cousin Eliz.h Arnold went with us to the Wed.y meeting — Samuel Taylor of Maine preached at Friends Meeting dined with Mr Parker's family

6th day 22d Spent the day at my usual avocations at the Cg. Hse. & factory &c see note next page

7th day 23d Engaged much as usual had a call from Wm Almy of the Boston firm Almy Patterson & Co respecting the agency &c of our Cotton Concern — had the taste in the

attic of the Factory filled by means of one of the Town Engines — but was much disappointed to find it to look badly — Went with Mrs Chace H. and the elder members of the family to a Party at Thos. R. Robesons in the evg — 4th day 24th Went to Fall River to day to meet the Cy. Comrs as referees between the Rail Road Cy and the parties owning land near the Depot over which S. road passes — My bro. Wm & Charles were my companions F. Rail Road. they attended to their claims in the forenoon — I passed over the Ground and heard our remarks on the Subject — C. J. Hoby was the organ of the Comrs on the other side — I dined at A. Robeson Jrs — having taken an early breakfast — Our Son Frank came over in the Buggy to give formal invitations to my wife's Party to morrow evg — and I returned with him in the evg — he detained me some hours partly by a misunderstanding of the time that I wished to leave — but got home a little before 10 O'clk

2d. day 22d. On making the note under this date prec. page viz, on the morng. of the 25th Inst., the occurrences of the preceding day had for the moment effaced the recollection of the events of that day and they were assumed to have been as stated. they were different as follows viz — I went after breakfast with my Son Francis in the Wagon to Fair

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haven to the place of James Stubbs on the road to Matapoisett to take legal possession of the place which was mortgaged to me 3 years since for my Surety ship for the cost Price $475. which was bor.d by me for him of James Arnold. for one year but which he has not been able to pay — He was not at home but about a mile off at his boat at Nantasketet Creek — whither we finally went and he yielded to me open and peaceable possession as I wish — returned towards home & about a mile from the bridge. Frank left me to walk home and I turned to the north to look after some old debts due my fathers Estate in Rochester & Middleborough — I went by the way of the old Boston Road till within about 3 miles of Thompson's Inn at the Ponds and then turned east & by South & till I reached after some enquiry the residence of Caleb Briggs. he was not at home but expected in about an hour — I therefore turned again and and went Northerly & Easterly to the residence of Josiah Perkins — who was also from home — he having gone to his bro.r Isaac's — whom also I wished to see, on the route to Josiah's I had occasion to ask some direction of an old man whose house I passed named Pratt — who in answer to my en-

queries as to the pecuniary circumstances of the parties whom I wished to see, being of a loquacious turn, gave me some of his reminiscences of his young days illustrative of the evils of rum, in quarrels, poverty, and sudden death in the experience and fate of his neighbors contemporaries &c — I met Josiah returning from his brothers, whose circumstances I had before become aware would not permit him to pay any part of my claim — I could do no more therefore than get a renewal of his promise on his note, which he readily gave — I was soon at Isaac's whose situation as to the payment of debts was similar to his brothers — he also readily renewed his promise on the note — they are both temperate and well disposed men but they will probably never be able to redeem the promise which they have now repeated — On leaving Isaac I returned to Squire Briggs — and there spent a couple of hours with the old gentleman who showed me his farm and with his daughter entertained me very kindly — He though possessed of property was not able to pay any thing at present, he also very willingly renewed his promise — after a comfortable meal with him and his daughter who is for the country a very well educated

woman. I left them 6m° 1846 with very pleasant feelings, and any former impressions confirmed of the integrity of the father, which I now found had its best foundation. viz in a religious Character — left them about 7 Oclk and got home after a pleasant ride, for some miles over a road new to me, (through the Sears & Robinson neighborhood) about 9 Oclock

5th. day 25th — At the Cg. House & through the day, & part of the evg — had an interview with Hon. Baker and T. D. Ellicott respecting the Geo. Howland Controversy the referees proposing to be here on the 3d. prox. to attend to it — I was at C. N. Morgans the latter part of the evg. to review with him Rud. and Benj. Hoag written statement of the circumstances relating to it and to the preliminary efforts & ultimate success of the same for the extention of Water St. to North Street, from the benefits of which extension he treacherously denied me — this took us till near 12 Oclk. the interview being later than I intended on account of an assemblage at Chs of his sisters & to hear one of Ann Rotch's recent letters — On getting home I found the friends & relations of our young people who were at our Many Party which embraced all of her circle of the young

class had retired — Ellen Rodman and her friend Edes Molly de Lee & others — Andw & Mary Robeson were here from Fall River — Caroline Gibbs — Miss McKeen & H. Davis & Monde from N. York & Boston &c &c &c &c —

6th. day 26th. Occupied at home till dinner time in looking over and making some additions to my written Statement of the case between Geo. Howland and myself which under the advisement of the Committee of the Monthly Meeting is made the subject of a Reference or arbitration, the referees D. Buffum & Jarvis Shove proposing to be here to attend to the Duty on this day week — I took the Statement to T. D. Ellicks in the afternoon that he might be prepared to act as my Counsel if G. H. should employ an Attorney on his side. — Stephen Mott of Lockport called here on his arrival in the City and was here at dinner — Edw. took him to see T. A. Greenes Cabinet of Shells. in which articles he is interested as an amateur, as well as on acct of business — Ina chose to visit little Ellen left us this afternoon for Boston & Cambridge to see Thomas. I parted with them at the cars — and gave the rem. of the day & ev'g. to business at the C. G. House &c — The weather stormy and unpleasant for the Cambridge jaunt.

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7th. day 27th — Attended business at the C.J. house & in the M.J. & forenoon, and after dinner set off for Fall River to see after my business there — called at Levi's Lydia's — and got home a little before 10 Oclk — My wife & daughter I learn have got back well through the weather has been rather unpropitious

1st day 28th. Attended meetings with our Society as usual — otherwise mostly at home till ev'g. when I made a call at my aunt Mary's they Uncle William's the former I thot. appears better than when I last saw her — my uncle as well as aunt L. are troubled with colds contracted on their late return from their visit in Philadelphia — the others of the family were at Grace Church to hear Mr Parker

2. day 29th. Engaged at the Count J. house why he most of the day & ev'g. Our two elder children went to Fall River in the Cars this afternoon to be at a Party at Mr R. Robeson's

3. day 30th. Spent the day in attention to business at the C.J. H.e. & walked to my North Lot in the M.J. — ev'g. at the C.J. H.e Our Children returned from Fall River & with them Mary Ruggles & her friend Julia Wight. by previous invitation to spend a few

days with us

4th day Jan 1 — At the Cg. House before breakfast — I designed to go early to Fall River to make my monthly Settlement, but some engagements in Connection with the threatening of Rain, detained me till 10 A.M. when I set off in the buggy with Thomas Benton to survey the logs for my Second raft, for the outer wall of the head of my wharf — Spent the time there in doing my business and — and got back at 11½ P.M. — P.B. with me

5th day 2d — At the Cg. Hse. in the morning gave part of the day to the subject of the approaching reference, by Consultations with Ellis & Kasson the rem: of the day to Cg Hse duties with Factory business — wrote in the ev'g at the Cg Hse — our guests Mary and Julia with Ed. Mary dined at my Mothers — by letter this ev'g I learn that the Reference will be a little delayed by engagements of Simeon Borden as witness in Boston —

6th day 3. Spent the morning partly at the Cg. House, learned on going thither that S. Borden notwithstanding his letter saying that he should be detained, was in town, and that the other witnesses might also be expected — I called

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T. D. Elliot to appoint him of the fact — the Court house being the place of hearing and 9 O'Clk — At 9 Accordingly repaired to the place of meeting, where I found the Referees, David Buffum, Simeon Borden & Jervis Howard. — Geo Howland & T. G. Coffin J. H. J. Jas Briggs Geo Randall, T. D. Elliot — afterward came And. Roberson, Matthew Howland & Abm. Sherman, was bro. in he being unable to walk from paralysis of one of his leg — The first question of consideration was the order of proceeding and the mode of investigation. My Counsel plead for a hearing of the parties in person — the Counsel for G. H. argued for a strictly legal enquiry — rejecting all statements from either party not sustained by other & competent legal testimony — This was politic for him but fatal to the hope of equity, and to the full attainment of my rights, though it might not wholly defeat my claim — A full hearing of what each party had to state was what I expected, and for a different course I was not prepared — There were also some surveys to be made under the order of the referees, as neither party would be satisfied with that already made by the other — The referees finally concluded

to adjourn to the first 2d. day in next month and in the mean time to cause a Survey to be made and decide themselves on the manner in which the Case should be conducted. — I then returned to my Cg. Hse duties &c and was confined by them till late in the Evg — so that I could not join my family in their visit at A. Roberson's — Mary & Julia having also joined them

7th day 4th. This being the 4th of July it was made a holyday by the great majority of the people — the appropriation of $1250 by the Town for the celebration of the Anniversary gave it with the mass particular interest — procession, Oration, a public dinner and Fire works, including a torch light procession of the Fire department in the evg. being the public demonstrations. — I was busily employd most of the day at the Cg. House, partly in writing a letter to the Referees on the question of allowing the Parties to make their Several Statements, which I submitted to my legal adviser T. D Elliot in the evg. — but he deeming it hardly proper to forward it even with the reservation mentioned in my accompanying note to him, it was withheld — Mr. Chen H. was at the tower of the Academy, and the younger members of the family were at the ground

pulsence they had a good view of the display — I was at the C.H. Here in the evg — and returned earlier than did those who went to the Show and retired to rest before they got home. My wife's Cook disabled for Duty by a bruised heal — which obliges Harriet to take her place in the Kitchen.

1st Day 5th Rose early to print on my temp.ce & Peace tracts for distribution among Seamen invitations to the Bethel, Went with Julia & Mary to the Lyceum meeting, where I heard a very short and good exhortation or aspiration from my friend Thos. A Greene — who I learn frequently breaks very acceptably the Silence of their little assemblies. afternoon at my usual place of Public Worship, evg. at home.

2d. day 6th — Devoted the forenoon to C.H. Hse. and Factory Cases. and in the afternoon to defining the South line of my North Grass lots to enable Bradford Francis to erect the easterly portion of the Wall — Having Calvin Staples as Surveyor with the Instruments belonging to the town. I took the occasion to mark the East & West terminii of a fifty feet Street which I propose to open through it to convert the meadows into building lots when they may be wanted for that purpose — The E. line was marked by 7 mile

holes in Stones & a rock in the wall, the most
Northmost one being on Cy. Street, one in the
East end of the wall as west by B. F. near
Jo. Estes' house. — The S. side of the pro-
posed Street is 167.8½ ft. at right angles from
the South line of the lot, at the West end of
the Street. it being about 10 ft. South of the
Wall as now standing, built many years
since to open a way through it of about
40 ft. from Purchase to Cy. Streets. — The
West end of the North line by the present
location coincides very nearly with the face
of the Wall, on the eastern terminus, by mak-
ing the South line of the proposed 50 ft. Street
Parallel with the S. line of the whole tract
as now defined the lines are about 5 ft. North
and South on Purchase Street, of the old walls
made for a Way of 40 ft. — The points are
marked by drill holes a cuts in the Stones
— by the admeasurements now made it
appears that the distance of the N. & South
lines of the lot are not the Same on County
& Purchase Streets, measured at right angles
with both from each other, or commencing
at the S. line on County Street and running at right
angles to the point in the lot at the corner of
Cy St. and the road that turns to the west, &
where the North line of my lot as indicated

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by the Central line of the Wall, by the eye merely without the aid of the theodolite was found to be 385 5/12 feet, at this end the Street divides the lot equally the perpendicular distance from the new Street on each side being 167 ft. 8 1/2 Inches — On Purchase Street the distance from the South line is the same — the new Street being parallel to the S. line, and as C. Staples informs me also parallel to the proposed Franklin Street. but the distance from the N. line of the new 50 ft. St. on Purchase Street from the Centre of division Wall between my land and the land of the heirs of my late Uncle Thos. Harland is about 163 3/12 ft. — by which it would seem that the width of my land on the west end is about four feet greater than on the East viz 385 5/12 — 381 = 4 5/12 ft. — possibly this deviation from Parallelism may be rectified by an accurate Survey of the land of the said heirs at some future day — though there is not much probability of this. This business occupied us till twilight, when I went to the Cy Hse. and by a succession of Showers which unexpectedly came on I was detained so that I could not join my family so early as I wished at our cousin James Arnolds — Uncle Wm & Aunt

he seen there also Lydia Greene & her niece & nephew from Newyork — Eliz.ª Weld & her brother Luke

3.d day] Our young friends Mary & Julia left us this morning to return to Fall River Sally Hammond going with them to spend the day. I was chiefly occupied in relation to the Factory during the forenoon had a consultation with some of my colleagues & D.R. Peirce in relation to the improvements to be made on the lot which we have bo.t of James Durfee to prepare tenements for the operatives — afternoon & ev.g also considerably occupied with Mr Tompkins & latter part of the ev.g in writ.g. on Factty. business.

4.th day 8.th Occupied at the whf. and Factory most of the day and in the ev.g at the C.H. & bring.g my accts into order preparatory to going to Lowell &c on a tour for gaining Manf. information with Mr. Tompkins — which detained me till a late hour

5.th day 9.th left home in the Cars at 7 A.M. — with C.S. Tompkins. D.R. Peirce & Gideon Sawyer for Boston &c — arr.d at Boston ab.t 10 A.M. and called at the Office of Almy Patterson & Co. thence to the Depot of the Lowell Rail Road, where I found my travelling Companions. Started at 11 & arr.d at Lowell about 12 — having obtained by the attention of Benj. Hotch Cards of admittance to three of the Factories — we proceeded to the

Book Mills and took a leisurely survey of the establishment outside & in — We then went to the "Merrimack" Mills and examined the weaving room — Mr. Tompkins going somewhat minutely into particulars as the sheetings there made is what we intend to imitate to a considerable extent. — We then went through one of the "Massachusetts" mills — which brot. us nearly to the hour of supper — I occupied the remaining time by walking by the mills on the other branch of the Canal — the Appleton Hamilton &c — after supper at the Merrimack House. We took the Cars for Nashua 15 Miles — when we were a little before Sunset — went with Mr. T. to the Bobbin manf. of the Baldwins — after leaving I continued my walk alone up the side of the Canal which supplies the large Cott. Mills, in the aggregate of about 32000 Spindles, and with the view of finding its upper terminus continued my walk about a mile, which instead of bringing me to the river the road terminated in a Granite ledge where very good Splitting Stone are obtained though not in very large sound blocks — returning I walked through a part of the Village, which is pretty extensive & quite pleasant till about 9 ½ Oclk. when I retired — at a public Ho

which we sought for a temp.a Hse. but it proved we were mistaken — rising early I visited the Bobbin Manuf.y which is on a very extensive Scale with very perfect machinery — where 60 men at the various departments of the subdivided labor must turn out an immense number of bobbins Shuttles &c for differt. Manufactories all over the Country where they exist — Leav.g Hartford at 6 in Hale, we went to Boston here we parted with D.R.P. & G.T Sawyer, Mr. F.L I taking a carriage for the Eastern Depot where we took tickets for Newburyport. — Ar.d at Salem at 10 we went to the new Cotton Manuf. now erected but not yet in operation — and went through its extensive rooms — the building being about 450 by 60 ft. 5 Stories including attic & Basement — Having a little time to spare before the Starting of the 12 Oclk train for Newb.t I made a call at my Uncle Wm. Deans — and saw the fam.y for a few minutes — when I had to take leave to go to the Cars — whither, contrary to my exportulation on account of the great heat of the weather, he accompanied me on a quick walk — though he is advanced in years & apparently very feeble — In the Cars I met and had some useful conversation with Mr. Tufts the Steam Engine Manuf.r of East Boston & Gen.l Jam

17th the agent for the Fairhaven Boston & Salem Rail Road Co. — the latter accompanied us to his new ride the "Globe" not yet running — and we made a hasty examination of the Steam Engine which carries the Jamed Mast — by this time our hour was nearly expired when we took the Cars in waiting and returned to the Depot — took tickets for Boston, thence rode to the Prov.ce Depot and joined the Cars for home — where we arr.d at the usual time, and found more comfortable atmosphere and a pleasanter place than I had seen on our agreeable excursion — found the Pump well — Mary Underhill with us at tea — after tea I went to the Office to write some letters &c &c — some others of our Children young friends were here in the ev.g — Allerton and Martha Tucker were in the Cars from Boston for Fall River, and Eliz.a Wild, her children & father were in the Cars from Fall River.

7th day 11th. Wrote up my diary before breakfast and called at Mothers on my way to the C.J. House where I gave my attention to Factory objects chiefly, and to C.J. house business in the ev.g when I was detained till late. All of the hay from the North lots is got in in good order the excessive heat for the 3 last days being very favorable for the

Hay harvest - 1

1st day 12. Attended Meeting as usual Rachel Howland called to invite Ma chere H to meet her Phila friends Jno. & Rachel Smith at dinner, which Mam. of the extreme heat and perhaps some other reasons she declined - I remaind at home with the above exceptions through the day - walked in the Garden after tea, the atmosphere being considerably cooled by copious showers this afternoon - about Sunset Jno. & R. Smith & M. & R. Howland called and made us a short & pleasant visit - particularly so to my wife & sister with whom it revived many pleasing and tender recollections associated with their juvenile intercourse at "Cedar Grove"

2d. day 13th. This being the Quarterly meeting of the Pocasset Manf. Co. I was at the Cg. House & Factory making preparation for leaving home for the day, set off about 10 Oclk. with Ma chere H in the buggy and had a very pleasant ride - the air being clear & balmy and the roads fine - left my wife & sister at M. H. Ruggles about ½ past 12 - when I went to the Whf. where I found the head raft ready for sinking, thence to the Pocasset Office and saw the Quarterly Statements of the Concern

Went to Nicols's with the others of the Meeting viz Wm Slade and my brothers Wm & Benj.n — Spent the remr. of the afternoon at the Wharf, observing the progress of the work of getting the Stones with the large dreught to the Crane which owing to depth of Sand which had washed round them were difficult to move from their bed — the whole strength of one of my powerful 2 horse teams being required in aid of the Oxen — When I left, about 7 Oclk the vast was nearly loaded to the Sinking point — We reached home after an agreeable ride about 10 Oclk — and was occupied till a late hour in writing an answer to a letter from Solomon Borden which I found here on my return —

3. dd 4th Occupied by my Concerns at the Factory and C.G. Hève — walked in the twilight with A.G. Swift to my north lot to provide some Stones for the Factory operations, and to see James Sprouts on the Subject of a Complaint which he has made to the Petty Jogger Sneddon because I had with his presence consent and approbation removed a heavy delapi-

dated Wall on my South Line and replaced it with a very good substantial Bank wall which I am prepared to make to the full Satisfaction of the Fence Viewers, whom I requested him to Call and examine it. He appeared to be convinced by my remarks that he had not taken the right Course. — And I hope that he will withdraw the complaint

I finished the cy at the Cy Hse —

4th. day 15th. At the Cy. Hse & Factory through the day and Evg — Our children at Geo Hussey's

5th. day 16 Spent the day at my usual engagements at the Factory & Cy House and at Uncle Williams in the evg with my wife and the Children except Ellen — — J. Arnold Family. with their guests Mr. & Mrs. Dilwell — T. H. Greene & M. Underhill Mother Sister Eliza & Aunt Nancy — Our niece Emily Rotch was confined yesterday with a daughter — her father left for Phila. called by some embarrassment in T. M. Morgan & Co affairs as is supposed.

6th. day 17th. Attended to my concerns at the Cy. House & Factory through the day and evg — Our Children out later on a visit at Geo. Husseys. —

7th. day 18th Spent the morng and noon at the Factory & principally — a fine hay

been made under the boilers to move the engine — and test the connections — I left a little after noon to go to Fall River where I got back about 8 O'clk bring? Isaac Francis with me in the Chaise — As I expected found our Son Thomas at home he having arrived in the Cars from Boston, the College vacation having ended on 4th day — his Cousin Alfred with his Parents & Uncle who went to meet him on his arrival with F. Rotch & family in the Cambria. came with him in the Cars — 1st day 19th Attended meetings as usual — called at mothers and to arrange with Isaac Francis about going over to Fall River again in the morn? [illegible] of the day & Eve? at home. Read in the ev? one of Dr. Arnold's Sermons to the Children — J Kasson called preparatory to his going with Edmund on a journey to the White mountains N Hampshire 2d day 20th Set off early with I Francis & Dominicus McLaughlin for Fall River where I spent part of the forenoon and then went down the River to see about backing Stone for my wharf operations the Stock provided by Jo! Osborne hang. become exhaust — Engaged some of A. Barker for immediate use and others of Hamlin — returned home by the Bridge Road

and spent the latter part of the afternoon
& Eve. at the C.H. Hse. calling at Mottleys
on my way thither — Our Son Edmunds
left this morng on his journey —
3d day 21 Occupied at the C.H. Hse and
factory throughout the day — Eve. at home
we have the compy of my mother and
sister & the two Miss Wetsons at tea —
4th day 22d Principally occupied about
the Factory — Morng & Eve. at the C.H. Hse
in relation to my controversy with Geo —
Howland — Our daughter Mary is un-
well — transient acute pain in her side &c.
prevents her assuming a recumbent posture
Dr. Read was called to see her.
5th day 23 Principally engaged at the
wharf C.H. Hse & Factory — Through the
day & Eve. considerable part of the time
had reference to the pending controversy
with Geo Howland — preparing to illustrate
the case by a map of the part of the town
where the causes of difference are comprised
6th day 24th At the C.H. Hse Wharf & Factory
day & Eve. principally employed in my
Map —
7th day Rose early and wrote a letter on the
Factory concerns for the Mail — afterward
went to the C.H. Hse and nearly completed my

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original map — after breakfast finished it and made preparations for its transfer to another sheet so as to show the Site of Water St. as extended in 1840-41 — & made preparation for going to see after my affairs at Fall River — got off about 10 o'clock and attended at 10 h. to 11. Pde — Our sons Thomas and Frank went on a fishing excursion to the Dumpling rock — Mary is still considerably unwell in several respects — and confines herself mostly to her room — My niece Sarah Wistar and her Son William arrived this day from Wakefield — on a visit. The fog on the Sound obliged the St. boat to anchor so that they did not get here till about 10 Pde

1st day 26th. Remained at home most of the day, attended meetings as usual and in the evg. went to the Unitarian Mg. to hear Mr. Furness and heard an excellent discourse on the text "no man cometh unto me except the Father draw him" — My Son Thomas went with me his mother Aunt & S. to Grace Church — I went with ma Chase H. at the close of the afternoon meeting to Mr Thers to see My niece & her children but we missed

of seeing them as they had walked out, her Son Wm was at church with my wife and called with his Cousin Rodman after the Service was over.

2 day 27 Devoted the day & ev'g to extending and completing my map to illustrate my Case before the Referees - Mary Underhill came this afternoon to Spend a week with our Mary - Several young men called in the ev'g - whom I did not see, as my engagements detained me till the hour of retiring for an early rider.

3d day 28th. Called on my return from the C.H. House last ev'g. on Ch. M. Peirce to enquire whether the books of his father in Law would prove the time when Gov. Howland's Red Wall which trespasses on my wharf lot was built, and he promised to give attention to the records. Warren Mayfield having been the Master mason under whose direction it was built - called also at T. D. Elliots" to exhibit my Map - but he was not at home - I made an explanation of my Controversy with Ly. H. in connection with the Map which I have made to illustrate it to my Family & Friends at the Breakfast table. and then proceeded to Elliots Office to converse with him on the subject. did not find him at first which gave me an opportu-

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for some conversation with Abm Barker at the Insurance Office as the acting Chairman of the M.J. M.S. Comte about the pending Controversy — in which I intimated that I should not consider myself bound to go on with the case if the Referees decided adversely to giving each of us personally a hearing, as a legal investigation was not what was contemplated by myself or the Comte who had bn about the Reference — Saw L.D.E. about 11 O'clk. and made an appointment with him at 3 O'clk. which I kept and was with him till 6 when I went to the Cy Hse and finished the day & Eve S. Wm R. Wister was at tea with the family — 4th day 29th. After some work at the Cy. Hse took the Cars for Taunton and spent an hour at the Offices of the Register of Deeds & Probate to authenticate the Will of the late Thomas Kempton of 1768, and the Extracts of Deeds from his Sons of the land adjacent to my Wharf lot — looked into the Machine Shop of Messrs. and returned in the forenoon train — when I gave my attention for the rest of the day principally to the completion of my arrangements for the defence of my Cause at the approaching reference — Called in the afternoon on Mr. Blatchford & on Mr. Simmons

in relation to it — Was at home in the evg. have f. the Comp. of my mother & Sister Eliza with their Guest my Niece Sarah Wister & her son Wm. — the little boys Fra & Rodman being too young for a two visit — I saw them on yesterday with their mother. they are fine little fellows —

5th. day 30th. Occupied at the Cg House and whf. premises — chiefly in relation to the approaching Reference — had some further examination of the former Site of the original building by Asa Russell — without much addition to former discoveries — Saw Several persons on the general Subject, Suranna Maxfield & Jam f. Capt. Simmons wife John Ruggles Jot Shaw &c Also Francis Lusconb at dwg. called twice at his house, and extended my walk to my N°. lot expecting to find him at One of the intermediate houses. — Saw him on my return at his own house, he has probably the earliest recollection of the Shop of any person now here — I finished the evg. at the Cg. House & called at Jos. Sabens to see Step. Smith & wife — they have lately called

6th. day 31st. Met Fra Lusconb by appointment early in the mg — he gave me some acceptable facts in relation to the Site of the Shop before it was removed to the Spot where it Stood when I bot. the lot & confirmed the impression which has been derived from other Sources of evidence

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in regard to that 2d location — I had the lines run in the afternoon from the N. side of G. H. Wall on 2d St to the Ship point (the S. side of my S Shop) as assumed for the division line at the time of John Perkins's meas. & survey in 1821 — and had the same extended to the head of Geo Howlands wharf. and ascertained that it passed but Sixteen feet distant from its South East Corner, so that he would not have more than about half of the width of a Slip in his own Statute privilege of the Water — Saw T. D. Elliot in the afternoon and had a consultation, made comparison of deeds with the plan of the lots &c — passed the evg. at the Cg. Ho, my pressing engagements not permitting me to see the young friends of our children who were here at teatime Cope, Brown & Hawthorn from Phila &c &c &c.

7th day 8 mo. 1. By previous appointment I made preparation for going to Fall River with Stephen Smith, took Thomas & Wm H. Wister with us — Frank left in the Cars this morg. for Andover to be present at the anniversary exhibition, we passed a pleasant day in seeing F.R. & some of its manufactories &c this being the first visit of S.S. at the place at

its rise almost wholly since he removed to the West. part of the State of N York — It had much interest for his observing and well stored mind. Called with him at Sister Lydia's — Mr. Cook being absent with the Girls Maria & Julia on their Nantucket jaunt to the ravages of the late fire &c &c — Dined at the Exchange Hotel — S.S. found and visited a half Sister of his late bro. in law Wing Russell. now the wife of Artemas Willard — We got home ab. 10. Oclk — after, apparently, a pleasant day to all; — I was able to accomplish my business only in part. The young women of our fam. on an evg visit at Geo. Hussey's. 1st. day 2. Rose early and prepared the Papers & peace Pamphlets for circulation at the Seamens' board. F. Hussey on Sabbath Mgs. through the month — In consequence of my early wakefulness I found myself ill prepared for attend. Mg. in the forenoon and remained at home to make amends for my curtailed morn. Slumbers — at Mg in the afternoon — Hen. of the day at home principally engaged in finishing the necessary business which circumstances compelled me to omit yesterday at Fall River. Mary & M. Underhill with me

at Mrs. The other members of the family were principally at Grace Church day & Eve. an English Clergyman officiating 2. day 3. Called to see T.D. Elliot and S.H. Ingalls in relation to the approaching Reference despatched letters by the Rail R. by S.H. Ingalls to Saml. Hatkins and by a passenger to Fall River to Edwa Hathaway at Warren to be taken to him by a Special Messenger to get them to attend as witnesses — after breakfast attended a Mtg of the Pl. Directors. called at T.D. Elliot Office and the Ct. House. and then to the Court House — as the Referees had not arrived I returned home. and returned soon after on being apprized of their arrival — The Ref.rs announced that they had concluded to hear the parties — T.G. Coffin made the opening Speech for his client and T.D. Elliot opened on my side — Ex. of witnesses were then called. and the day was principally Spent in Exd. them viz Calvin Randall. Abm Shearman Esqr. Mansfield Calvin Staples & D.R. Peirce — Although the afternoon was far Spent as Saml. Hatkins had had come from his Rail Road duties at great inconvenience to give his testimony on my side it was taken and the Trial to 8 Oclk

to morrow. — after tea I went to the C. H. &
3d day 4th Occupied before breakfast in mak-
ing some research with reference to the data
of a certain fact stated by Mr Sherman — &
in reading the preceding record of the doing
of yesterday — after breakfast viz at 8 O
clock I went to the Court House. and
remained there till the adjournment at
½ past 1 O'clk — after dinner by appoint-
ment I went to my wife's lot where the
Referees were to view the premises — af-
ter examining the ground and mak-
ing such explanations as I thought
necessary — we returned to the Court
House, and I finished my remarks
on the Case. other evidence was then
taken till about 5½ Oclk, when T. D.
Elliot made his argument on my side
which took about an hour; and T.
Coffin closed on the other side about 8 Oclk
— The former was clear cogent and elo-
quently that of the latter was in his
characteristic style, impudent and abu-
sive and unbound — There were several
points on which I wished him to
be corrected. and his statements denied
that Elliot thought it was not worth

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while to do so — and the case was closed and the Referees adjourned — A. Robeson came back from to town in the ev. train and was at the C. house about the time that Ellis closed his argument — and I regret that I had not then had his evidence taken, as it might have been, if I had not deferred too much to the judgment of my Counsel — It now remains to be seen whether the result is to lead to confirmation to the remark that Justice has indeed left the earth and flown to Heaven — I remained at home during the ev. — Chs. W Morgan Cabb and Walter Mitchell were also here who late in the ev. went with the two Marys to make a call on Cornelia Grinnell who with her affianced friend N. P. Willis called here this forenoon —

4th. day 5th. Called at Mothers and then went to the C. House & factory — The preparations for work are so far advanced that the Small Engine was put in operation to carry the belting to the machine shop — The junctions of the pipes are not

perfect so that some time will be required to make them tight. Fras. returned from Andover yesterday. I was engaged most of the afternoon [illegible] at the C.J. House in the removal of one of the buildings on the lot bo. by the St. Mille C.J. to prepare the foundation of the new tenements, and in planning for the removal of others to make the rear passages which are thought desirable. I spent the afternoon & took a Salt water bath after Sunset and wrote quite late at the C.J. House. The small steam Engine was connected with the machine shop.

5th day 6th Went to the Depot before breakfast, and to the Bank Directors meeting after, rem.d of the day to Factory and C.J. House duties, as stated in the lines before the above mark

6th day 7 — Devoted the day C.J. House duties principally — in the ev.g I got tea. had the Rev. Dr. Brooks of the Isl. of Guernsey Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie & Mary Dunker at tea which required my absence from C.J. House duties in the ev.g.

7th day 8th Morn.g & forenoon at the C.J. House &c. making preparations for leaving home to see after my business at Fall River — left about 1 o'clk P.M. taking J. Francis little boy Valentine with me and

got to F.R. at 4 O'Clk. and found things going on well — the Sand well in pretty out at low water — the Schr made 5 trips this week, and found plenty of Stones below, with a prospect of a full supply for the remr of the season — The weather being hazy at the time that I expected to set off for home I concluded to stay the night at my Sisters — and accordingly went there and after a light meal, made a call at Ford & Sullers on business relating to the Ballestier at Newport — and after an hours conversation with Hiram & Mary Sister, Sarah Seade being also there on a visit from Brooklyn Stiteries for an early ride home in the morning —

1st day 7th Rose early and left Fall River about Sunrise on my return home where I arrived after a pleasant ride about 7½ O'Clock. attended meetings as usual AM & P.M. and in the evg went to Grace Church with most of the others of the family, who were there also through the day — Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hall of Newport. I called at mothers between meetings

— The Rev. Mr. Snow called after Tea and
went with us to & returned from Church,
but to remain but a minute or two, his fam
Mrs. Hall await[ing] his return at their lodg
ings — the
2d day 16th. Occupied as usual at the
C.J. Hall and Factory through the day
and ev[e] — went to the N.o lots at 6 P.M. about
3d. day 17th Engaged as usual at the C.J.
Hall &c. through the day & forenoon —
had Mother & Sister Eliza and Sarah
Miller and the Sons to dine — William
having recently graduated at the Phil.a
University — and Frank & Redman little
fellows of 4 & 2 years — The Millers left
before tea and — Mother & Sister E Maria
the ev[e] Journ.d returned this M[o]r[n]g from his Journ.
4th day, Went to the C.J. Hall or Wksp.
before breakfast — and Spent the day
principally there — ev[e] at home having
a party of our friends — S. Grimell & her
adopted daughter Cornelia with Mr.
Willis the poet & prose writer to whom
She is engaged to be married — Miss Scott
then Guest from Washington & others of our
friends & relations — I was called
upon in the ev[e] by Mr.s Barker to draw
and leave with her the decision of the

162 Referees on my controversy with Gov Howland — It is very unsatisfactory not even doing me justice in the matter of the Division Lines, and leaving me unrequited for all the loss which I have sustained by G. Hs. hostile and perfidious conduct — after the Commissioners retired I wrote a letter stating my dissatisfaction to the Referees — which kept me up till very late — Edmund returned from his White M. jaunt this 5th day 13. Rose early and made an addition to my letter to the Referees, took it to the Store Copied it & sent with it the R. R. Depot to give it to Jervis Shove who I was informed by the award and would return this morning — But I was too late by about 1 minute at the Depot — I therefore added a post script to my letter and sent it and the Award by mail directed myself to the business of the Co. Houses & Factory; and went on Thursday with Mrs Chase & the family except Ed. who was not coming to Rochester from his journey & Fan Sue & Ellen to Aunt Lydias party. where there were many of our friends and relations — to whom it was pleasant

to Meet - My mother was there who with my Uncle are unusual instances of happy old age - We were at home about 11 O'clk.

6. 14th Devoted my time with little exception at the C.J. House & factory. Dey & Eveg - Our three Sons & Many and other usual Party at Petompskey about 10 miles, whence they have not yet returned though it is now very near eleven

7th day 15 Went to the C.J. House & before breakfast and again after breakfast and made preparation for going to Fall River for which place I set off about 1 O'clk - had some Showers on the way and got there about 4 O'clk. Gave attention to my business there and left with Isaac Francis about 7 O'clk. and got home at half past 9 - Called at Mothers and at my Sister's in Fall River

1st day 16th Attended Mg. as usual in the morning. Missed of the afternoon Mg by an accidental prolongation of a nap - and in the Eg went with the family to Grace Church - where we heard a good practical discourse on the text - "as ye sow such shall ye reap &c." - Mr. Randall called

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in the ev.g with Dr Hawkshawe of Phil.a —
2. day 17th went to the Cf. Hse. & R. R.
Depot before breakfast — had a call just
after breakfast from Abm Baker, with
the papers & documents, or some of them
which were used at the late reference.
— I again declared to him my entire dis-
satisfaction with the award — went to
the Bank & Cf. Hse & and after dinner ex-
amined the papers above mentioned and
went to distribute the deeds which I had
borrowed and sent sundry papers, includ-
ing three or four of my letters, to Gov. Hom.
and through the Post Office — Spent the
mor.g of the afternoon prettily at the ~~Cf. Hse~~
Oil Works & the rest at the Cf. Hse. on
my return found a party of Mary's friends
engaged in the amusements fashionable on
such occasions, but which are not in unis-
son with my wishes. We were invited to
bro.r Benj.n — but several impediments pre-
vented our going —
3. day 18th We were aroused early by a call
from Sister Phebe stating that our dear
Mary had raised some blood — her mother &
self rose, and I called Dr Reed who
took some blood from her left arm.
— this soon allayed the slight irritation or

cough which accompanied the first Symptoms — X
She had a quiet day. with the prospect of a
good night — her health has not been good
for a Year past. her throat much affected
— to which in part the recent Symptoms
I think may be ascribed — She was off the
bed for a short time this afternoon. —
Our Son Thomas left us this afternoon
for his last visit as a member of the college
at Cambridge. he leaves under less pleas-
ant circumstances than he anticipated
yesterday — Benj.n Smith of Phil.a arrived
in the Cars this afternoon from Newport
with whom he came with his mother for a
short visit to that delightful Summer
residence. Mary Underhill left us this morg. —
4th day 19th. Attended to my Cares at the
C.G. Hse & factory — through the day &
eveg with the exception of meals & vis-
its to our Dr. Marys Room — She has
had a pretty comfortable day — but fee-
ble from depletion and abstinence
— Benj.n Smith left us this afternoon
to return to Newport
5th day. Went to the C.G. Hse before break-
fast and to the Bank afterwd — and fin-
ished the Bs & c.g at the C.G. Hse & Fac-
tory — Mary comfortable but weak

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Jan° 21 — Applied myself to the duties of the G. House and Factory. and was both busy at the G. House. Our dear Mary remains without much change — feeble from abstinence & her friends have manifested much concern at her illness — Dr Read speaks encouragingly 7th day 22d — Went to the G House as usual before breakfast, and Spent the forenoon in attending to the Factory concerns — J Tabor & men being engaged in readjusting the water logs which supply the boilers &c — They not having been put down with sufficient attention to ensure their gradual elevation along their whole course from the Well — so that the action of the pumps were very much impaired by the air which collected in the higher portions of the line which could not be drawn out — after dinner I made my weekly visit to my workmen at Fall River, arr° about 5 oclock and saw the Scow come up from the Junction There very handsomely — Assisted to discharge her of 50 Tons of Stones which was done in about an hour — The work on the head walls by J Francis and his Crane Scow gang

has gone on favorably this week, in one week more will be formed a basin very much sheltered from winds & waves — called at Sister Lydias — and got home abt. 10 Oclk — Our dear Mary has had a comfortable day

1st day 23 — Attended Meeting as usual, and called at mothers at the close of the forenoon Meeting — Mary at the day at home — C. W. Morgan called in the evg — and Mary Underhill was here to see Mary — who has been pretty comfortable to day. Sarah Wester expects to go homeward to-morrow to stop a few days at Fall River at her Aunt Lydia's — We have seen less of her at our house than I could have wished with her young little boys —

2d day 24th Went to the C. & Hud. R.R. Depot & to my St. lots before breakfast afterwards to the B. & Directors Mg. and then devoted most of the day to the Superveision of the Work about the Factory. Called after dinner to take leave of Sarah Wester & Children who set off this afternoon for home, Stopping a few days at Fall River to visit her Aunt Ruggles — I went to the Depot to see them safely Started. and called again at the

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1st. lot to see the men who were quarrying Stones for use of the Factory tenements — after their departure I returned with Sister Ellen as far as my whip let me when I stopped and finished the day and in the ev. wrote at the C.J. House.

3d. day 25th Edm? went this morn. to Boston to be at the exhibition of Conferring their degrees on the graduating class on Commencement day at Cambridge at which his brother Thomas would have a part in the public exercises — Fare & Sue went in the afternoon train with the same design. I was busy at the C.J. H.E. & factory — went to the Depot and there the two Children depart Eliza Mitchell & Lydia Greene & others were there with the same object in view —

4th. day I set off with Ellen to join the Cambridge party and see the exercises on that interesting occasion T.D. Eliot was a passenger with the same destination — we took a Carriage at the Depot in Boston and drove directly to Cambridge which we reached in time to hear all of the Speaking except a small part of the Latin Salu-

tatory — The young men acquitted themselves very well and Our Thomas was no exception to the remark. his Oration Colonna was well written and well delivered — quite to the satisfaction of all of his friends — Mr Morrison I was pleased to see there, who acted so friendly a part in gaining his admittance or in promoting the measure — At the close of the Ceremonial of conferring the Degrees the Conf dispersed the fact of it being rainy and very wet walking probably restraining pedestrians from swelling the crowd, as it was there was a full but not a crowded house. We went to Thomas's Room for refreshments where quite a number of Our friends & relations & his friends met — Cousin Elvira Farrar & Fred Mary Nott Abbot Lawrence wife & 2 sons C. Grinnell M. Underhill & Green E. Little all dined — It was my intention to go back in the afternoon but the time did not permit it — after Thos & Friends had retired I took the 6 minutes for Boston — walked in the Park the Long walk &c & afterwards went to consult a Physician

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about our dear Mary — D Warren
married at Town. Dr Jackson was
too unwell, and I finally saw D. Big-
elow and tried to state the Case to
him but he could not obtain a Suf-
ficiently explicite idea of it to pre-
scribe — but recommended her coming
to Boston when well enough to travel
— I took lodgings at the Marlboro° Hot-
el and finished the ev in writing to Ann
Dover relative to the return of Francis
to complete his Engineering Course of
instruction at Lowell — Ellen went into
Boston with C. Quincy & Francis, her
brother dined — and we attended Sermons the
5th day 27th Rose early from my rest-
ing place at the highest point of the
Marlborough Chapel buildings — and
after a short walk and an early
breakfast I took my departure
for the Tremont House to take the
Children with me to the Cars for home
— I found only Lucy & Ellen, without
having made any preparation for an
early breakfast before the homeward ride
and I was therefore obliged to take them
fasting — which however was no incon-
venience, the unusual hearty Supp-
per which they taken the ev. before

proved a sufficient preparation for the late breakfast after their arrival at home about 10½ Oclk. We found Mary looking very bright and comfortable sitting up but she was not so well as she appeared — being feeble and troubled with a palpitation of the heart — attended with more fever. The excitement of hearing about Commencement having probably contributed to the aggravation of her symptoms. I applied myself for most of the remaining day to the accounts of the Patch Whf. Co. and the Estate — Afterwards went to the factory and the C.H. House where I passed the evening. Frank returned in the evening train.

6th day 28th — Rose early to write for the mail and devoted the day to preparing my Meteorological notes to transmit to Washington and to other business at the Office &c. — had a call at the Store from Geo Howland Jr & afterward from Geo. Howland and Son requesting me to remove the fence on the lower part of my wharf so to allow J. Durfee Jr to drive piles &c for the Smiths Shop which he wished to erect on the contiguous land of Geo. Howland — I told them that

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I had returned the award of the Referees as made before the Correction of the mis-Statement about the time which G. H. said the wall had been built — which he had admitted to be such on his attention having been called by Jo. Congdon to the entry which he made as against me! for the Service which he G. H. procured the performance by his own admission — and entirely without my authority and consent, in running the line by which G. H. builds his wall encroaching on my lot which he now admitted was not earlier than the Fall of 1829 instead of 1824 as he had been willing to make it appear by the vague & worthless Statements of Eph.m Mayfield — when in his own books he had the entire means of showing the truth of the matter if he had been disposed to do so. — With Jno. J. I could and did have a decorous hearing of my objections to the award — But his father showed the same pertinacity and overbearing temper that he had evinced on former occasions — — I however declined yielding to his exactions — and told him that G. H.

wait till I heard again from the Referees before I admitted the award to be final. — I however consented to James Dwyer that he should put his Shop where he & Geo. might work but with the express understanding that I made no admission thereby which would bind me to the line as indicated by the Referees, in the award as at first rendered — and returned by me with my objections. — If it should prove that the Referees wd. not alter their decision — his Shop wd. be, perhaps, on G. Wt. land which if they did — it might be pretty on mine, and with my Consent. — I returned home from the C.H. the earlier than usual to call & see Dr. & Susan Barton — but learn[d]. that there was a Fam[y]. party at my Uncle's I did not fulfil my intention — I found Edm[d]. at home and also Rich[d]. Lawrence Son of Henry from Saratoga. and we had his trunk brot. from the Hotel and rec[d]. him as our guest — his father being a first Cousin of my wife's —

7th day 29 Went to the C.House and wrote letters to go by the Cars but I got there one minute too late — At —

tended a meeting of the Directors of the N.B.S.M. Co relating to sundry important arrangements to give more convenience Safety and symetry to the establishment — At the close of the meeting came home to prepare to Call on Dr Barton of Phil.a & his wife who are on a visit to my Uncle William — they were out — intending to call on our Home before their return — Cousin Susan & her step daughter Lucy Barton with Cousin Sarah Ar. Rodes were here but the Dr did not come with them — Had a very pleasant — to us to See cousin S who appears very well — Cousin Sarah looks feeble — having not quite recovered from the illness which She Suffered on her late journey — I Spent the latter part of the afternoon at the Cg House and Factory premises. The Division fence at the east end of my Wharf Lot was taken away to day to accommodate Jr Dunbar Jr — but the act is is not to be construed as admitting the validity of the Award of the Referees

as it was. ~~on the~~ when first rendered
Our daughter Mary seems more comfortable, but gains slowly if at all in strength — Our Son Thomas returned this eve. from Cambridge having taken final leave of his Classmates as such, to many of whom he was much attached & his feeling were fully reciprocated by them
1st day 30th Went to the Cf. Hse before breakfast to examine my letters to S. H. Taylor of the Andover Academy to qualify me to make a suitable reply to his unexpected referral to receive Frank again as a Scholar — Attended meetings as usual — had a call from D. Barton who came up to see Mary and gave some sensible hints and spoke encouragingly of her — Several of her friends called to see her. & some of their friends called to see him —
2d day 31st Set off early with Isaac Francis for Fall River to make my month[illegible] settlement with my wharf workmen — arrived there about half past seven and spent most of the forenoon on the ledge. That part which has been worked

for the last two years and from which most of my Wall Stone have been drawn — as distinguished from those thrown in promiscuously to support the points, — and of a very superior kind for a wharf. There have been, being nearly exhausted of Stock of the best quality — another portion about 100 yards to the Southward is now partially denuded of its earthy mantle preparatory to the operation of the Ledgemen — Called to give some instructions to the blacksmith & the carpenter respecting a new set of drawing bars. Went my Dray to the wharf and called to see my Sister & family — Spent the afternoon chiefly at the Pocasset C.S. House where I was detained till after dark set off for home about 8½ O'clk and passed over the new Street (Danforth Street, which in its Southerly portion is verging towards completion, took in Silvanus Thomas and set him home he having been accidentally left by the Cars — The evg. was very pleasant which made our ride so — 3d day 9mo 1. Went to the P.O. Depot before breakfast — and devoted the day to the duties of the C.S. House and

Factory — called on Mothers on my
way from the Post Office to the Store
in the eve and quite unexpected (except
joined them at a Corn Pudding Supper
— Our dear Mary seems pretty com-
fortable, but She has very great debility
and gains by Slow gradations. — Ed-
mund and his Cousin Richard Lawrence
made an excursion to the Dumpling
Rocks, Sunt his week to day. Our Thomas
with a view of taking the Clerkship
of the St. Jn Mill Co. in about a month
when it is to be vacated by John Hopkin
the present incumbent, has been three
two days at the C.J. House of the C.J.
to get the necessary information —
4th day 2d Went to the C.J. House & before
breakfast and gave my time principally
to Factory Concerns through the day &
late at the C.J. House — Our great R. L
and Ed. took an excursion to Horse Neck
beach to day as they did to the Dumpling
Rock Light House yesterday Mary seems
pretty Comfortable I thought She might
have taken a short Ride but the heat of
the day discouraged her.
5th day 3d — At the Factory & before breakfast
and most of the day at the C.J. House

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Evg. at home — on acct. of the company of the Rev. Mr. Parker and Mr. Abr. Russell at tea — our young cousin Richd. Lawrence with our Son Edward set off for New port via Fall River the former to proceed to N. York

6th day 1st Occupied as of late at the C.J. House & Factory premises. Day & Evg. The weather has been so warm & dry for the last four days that it has not been thought best for Mary to ride the high wind making it uncomfortably dusty.

6th day 4th Engaged as usual at the C.J. Hse. Factory & premises through the day — Evg. at home, as we had the Company of the Rev. Wm. Parker and [illegible] — see note of yesterday] Evg. at the C.J. Hse.

7th day 5th Walked to the Out Skirts of the town before breakfast to engage L. Tobey to go with me to Fall River to convey my wheat bags — Spent the forenoon at the C.J. House &c — and left about noon with L.T. for Fall River where we arrived about 3 Oclk and started on our return abt. 7½ Oclk. — came by the way of the Neck Road so as to leave L.T. near his house on Parker St.

1st day 6th prepared my Temp. Papers for circulation among the Seamen, for the month — attend Friends meeting through the day and was at Grave Church with Rachel Hall in the eve — Called with Rachel Hall at Jas. Arnolds before the eve. meeting to pay our respects to Jos & Mary Smith — Dalco was at mothers — The extreme heat of the weather prevented my attending the M.S. at the Bethel in the afternoon as I had intended

2d day 7th Went to the Cy. Hse & Bank & occupied at the Cy. Hse. through the day & eve —

3d day 8th Employed at the Cy. House most of the day — and in the eve went to the Wedding of my bro: Wm's youngest daughter Ellen — who was married by the Rev Epa: K Peabody — to Edward Motley brother of Ellens bro: Saml's wife — His parents and brothers & their wives his sister Anna and other friends were there from Boston — Our sons Edw & Thos were there but none others of the family — Mary being too sick as her mother thought for her to leave her, and Sister P. being disinclined to go any and large an assemblage from abroad — This need not have been objection. as the company was not very large and every thing was very qui-

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ably conducted — Mary seems quite comfortable — Sue & Fan. were at a party at our neighbor Dr. Elliots

4th day 9 mo. 2d Went to the C. House and devoted the day chiefly to consultations respecting the superintendance and management of the Cotton Mill — There some misunderstanding with Mr Tompkins in relation to the overseers of the principal departments — had conference with R. A. Anderson Gen. Hardy A. G. Snell &c and Com. in the case of Mr. T. by a note. as I had before orally on the subject —

5th day 10th Went to the Rail R. Depot before breakfast to the bank Directors Meeting after and to the C. House for the forenoon called on my way home to a late dinner at Dr. Reads office by appointment. in consequence of a deafness with which for a few days I have been troubled in my right ear, the left ear having since 1842 lost much of its sensibility — & on acct. also of a wen which I have long had on the right side of my face abt. mid way of the line uniting the corner of my mouth with the lower part of the ear. but which has become so enlarged within the last 2 or 3 months as to be observable in casual intercourse — & conversation by others

Dr. Bartlett was called in by Dr. R. to perform the Operation of extracting it, though very simple of execution on acct. of this Dr. R's unpaired vision — It was done very adroitly and with very little pain in the Space of 2 minutes or two — and the parts brot. together and confined with a small piece of Sticking or court Plaster — So that I Shd Scarcely have known by any feelings that anything had happened — and no one wd. Suspect that any Surgical operation had been performed, The When was about the Size of the end of my thumb from the root or base of the nail, or a little less of a fleshy consistence — after this was done Dr. R. Syringed my right ear and dislodged a lump of wax about 1/4 or 5/16 in. diameter which perfectly restored the hearing — he then operated on the other ear which had be so long bereaved of its original Sensitiveness with some partial Success — enough to encourage him to repeat the experiment on some other day — After leaving the Dr's Office I took a late dinner and was engaged at the C.H. Hotel till about 2 o'clock (midnight)

6th day 11th Spent the day chiefly in the County House, or and in relation to Factory concerns & premises — a large Gang of Masons Carpenters & Labourers being now employed on the ar-

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rangement to accommodate the Help —
I made D. Read another visit at his Office
after dinner and he made another opera-
tion on my left ear, but with no decided
result — The causes of the defect of hearing
on that side being but slightly connected with
an accumulation of wax, if at all — But I
hear better than before the first trial — I
was at the Cg House till pretty late in the
eve — Our daughter Mary rode to day
— The weather being very favorable. She
seems very comfortable but is mostly
above Stairs

7th. day 12th Devoted the morning fore-
noon to my duties at the Cg House preparatory to my going to Fall River — and set
off for that place about P.M. found the Rafts
of logs ready for sinking — delayed by
the accident which Allen Negus met with
by having his leg broken by a log rolling on
it — I called to see him and found him in
a suffering state — Pain most of the time
severe but he appeared free from fever
and I hope there is no ground of appre-
hension for the issue — I attended to some
business at the Coastal Office and set
off on my return with I Francis about
½ P.M. and got home about 10½. The

had some lightning in the side, which gave some though not very decided indications of a thunder Storm — Called at M. H. Ruggles and was glad to find my Sister better so that she came from her room to see me 1st day 13th Rode to the house of Dr Sweet near Decatur Village before breakfast to ask him to go to day to see Allen Sayres again he having been Called to him on the day of the accident, 4th day last, he promised to go — Saw in my ride Striking evidence of the violence of the rain & tempest last night in the clean & well washed Roads, which were in some places a good deal injured by the running flood, and the Standing corn fields — Attended meetings as usual and Called at mothers & Eg. at home — Rachel H and others of the family were at the Episcopal Church — Several of our daughter Mary's friends Called — of the number was hers truly L. Mary Underhill —

2d day 14th Devoted my time to the duties of the Office Home & most of the day & eve — I omitted to note yesterday the pleasant ride which I took in the buggy with our dear Mary — we went to the N.W. of the town & round Capt. Randall's plan "Los Choo" — The air was fine, but the very warm weather

3d day 15th. June 1846 Engaged at the C.J. Hse and Factory premises through the day and till midnight writing letters and making calculations for the weights of the clock which we propose to make

4th day 16th busily engaged at the C.J. House till near the time of the departure of the afternoon train for Boston for a variety of which to go with machine H & daughter Mary to consult with D. Bigelow in relation to the health of the latter. I had made my arrangements — but I found on getting home that the coolness of the weather was thought objectionable by D. Read and that the jaunt was therefore postponed — I therefore returned and continued my business at the C.J. Hse through the day —

5th day 17th made arrangements again for the Boston jaunt — and set off in the 3¾ O'clock train — we found lodgings having previously bespoken them at the Tremont House — Called after tea to see D. Bigelow and he came to see Mary and left him to call again tomorrow. I spent some time in the Read Room after which returned

6th day 18th Boston. I took a long walk before breakfast to S. Boston &c — D. B. came in after breakfast and repeated his examination of our daughter and spoke encour-

asperity of the case — with proper attention to exercise air and diet — I made some calls on business — and my wife & daughter visited some Shops in Washington St. — I walked to the E. Boston Ferry and to some of the wharves in Charlestown Ho. & had a call after dinner from Jas. Laurence & Benj. Pollard — and left in the 4½ O'Clk. train for home — Had a comfortable ride & found all well — I stopped at the Cy. House for an hour or two

7th day 19 — Occupied at home before breakfast and went afterwards to the Cy House where I was engaged till about 20 Clk when I set off for Fall River to see after my work there &c there about 5 O'Clk and visited Allen Pierce & found his leg doing well apparently — the pain being less severe than for the first week after the accident — visited the workmen at the Lodge — and called at N. H. Ruggles whom I found quite unwell, having been in bed most of the day but relieved from the violence of his symptoms so that he thought that he should be up and out again to-morrow — My Sister was recovered from her late attack — I left F.R. about 4½ O'Clk. and ar.d at home about 10½ — Our D.r Mary seems comfortable to day —

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1st day 20th walked to the R. R. depot before breakfast to get a few peaches for Mary — attended meetings as usual and, rode with M. to the Point before dinner — called on Mother's at the close of the afternoon meeting — rec'd J. at home —
2d day 21st Attended to my business concerns before breakfast & till a late dinner hour preparatory to leaving home for Newyork to leave our daughter Susan at Jacob & John Abbott's School in that City. left in the afternoon Cars for Fall River where I sent Susan to make a call at her Uncle Micah's and I visited the Wharf in the time previous to the arrival of the ev. train when we took our departure in the Steamboat Ferry for Newport there to join the Newyork Boat which proved to be the "Mutual Safety" where we found many passengers and must for the dimensions of the Boat which is not of the largest Class but very well adapted in Strength and plan of machinery to ocean navigation for which as a relief vessel on our Coast I understand she was built by some of the Ins.ce Offices of Newyork a few years since — The accommodations were sufficient for the Cabin passengers, but

the deck room for the Deck passengers & for was comparatively less ample — The Speed we found the next day was was slow so that we did not reach the City till about 11 Oclk A

3d day 22 We drove from the boat to the School corner of Houston & Mulberry Streets and found the establishment very satisfactory — and the family very kind and prepossessing corresponding with our anticipations from what we knew of the reputation of the brothers — I went over the establishment looked into the different instruction & recitation rooms all neatly & appropriately furnished according to the different classes of Scholars by whom they are occupied from little Children of 6 yrs. old to those of the older class of Susan's age I took leave about 1½ Oclk — and went in pursuit of an article of Furniture for Susans clothes — designing to make a call or two on our friends and return in the afternoon boat for Newport — but so much time was taken in effecting my purchase that I concluded to remain till the next day and had my trunk taken to my bro. in law Henry A Barrow's where I had a very kind reception from his wife and after dining walked

to the Oil works of Barrow & Pain we examined some objects of interest in that part of the City including the new Steam mill in frame for the Fall River route from New York — which is to be one of the largest of the class (215 ft in length) — returned with Edw.d & Henry to the house of the latter which is a very neat & comfortable establishment 181 Munroe Street

4th day 23 — Walked before breakfast with Bro.r Henry to the floating dock when the largest vessels are taken up for repairs. also another where they are drawn up by the Hydraulic power — and after breakfast I called at Walter Underhills — and he went with me to see the Croton Steam mills — and afterwards took me in his buggy to view the Splendid & magnificent arrangements for distributing the water of the Croton Aqueduct over this great City — another year will probably complete the bridge across the Harlem River upwards of 100 ft in height over which the water is to pass instead of through the Iron pipe of about 3 ft. Diameter which now passes the temporary Embankment at the the base of the bridge, the whole of which temporary bridge is to be taken away to re-

open the temporarily obstructed navigation of the river — This work will be a Credit to the County and the age as well as to the Great City which planned and will have accomplished it by its intelligence Skill and Wealth, to confer an inestimable good in an inexhaustless supply of pure water on the multitudes which throng and which will for long future ages its extended and ever extending Streets — On our return I called at the School and saw and took leave of my daughter, then called at Hannah Walkers and — after dining at bro. Henry's with bro. Edmund — took a Carriage and started with bro. Henry at the 5th boat Massachusetts which takes the place of the Rhode Island on the Stonington route to night — instead of going to Newport & Providence as usual — left the wharf. at 5 O Clock. no passengers onboard of my acquaintance except Thos. Taber & Jno. B. Macy — formerly of Nantucket & afterward a partner of Isaac S. Smith at Buffalo but now resident at Cincinnati — had some conversation with him in the way touching the the great West and its mineral treasures — he is interested in some Copper Companies on the Commander Side of the lakes and also in Several on the St. Croix River which runs into the

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He appears to have acquaintance with many of the leading men of the West – his bro: Fin. also lives at Cincinnati –

5th day 24 – A short night was had onboard the Mass.tts. The passengers being roused (those of them who could sleep in the stir & noise of a Steam passage) about 1 Oclk to prepare for landing at Stonington – we arr.d at Prov.ce about 4½ Oclk. and at Newport about 7½ – I walked home by the way of the Factory and had the satisfaction to find all about as well as when I left – Spent the day in attending to my C.g House & Factory duties Calling on Mothers on my way thither – returned home about 6 Oclk. and retired pretty early.

6th day 25th I omitted to note yesterday a visit which I had from Isaac S. Smith of Buffalo – he called partly on his own business as well as my own and mutual friendship – I was obliged to decline rendering him the assistance in his new plan of business which he wishes to adopt, in consequence of my own extended and somewhat embarrassed concerns – my time has been mostly devoted to the claims of business at the C.g House &c – Mary is not

so well as usual to day, being troubled with a pain & soreness at the chest, apparently in great degree on the external surface
7th day 26th Devoted the forenoon to my duties at the C.J. House &c. Preparatory to making my weekly visit to my Fall River wharf got — left home a little before 2 O'clk. and after calling at my sister's but without seeing her, visiting the man with a broken leg (whom I found doing well) and calling at the Docasset Office and a fruitless attempts to get a letter to N. York by the Newport & N.J. Boat, which I learned has discontinued her trips, I visited the new ledge which I was sorry to find did not work favorably. I returned about 6½ O'clock with Isaac Francis and got home about 9 — Wm. C. Rodman spent the eve. here —
1st day 27th Attended Meetings as usual and spent the day at home with the exception of the time between the close of the afternoon Mtg. and tea — called at mothers and went to the C.J. House for a paper & while there stopped to read on the moral influences and statistics relating to the Operatives of Lowell — eve. at home several Calls in the day and in the eve Thos. A Greene & wife the most late to stand

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by Fss. to Fall River tomorrow, who expects to go to take over Isaac Francis the head workman at my wharf.

2d. day 28 — Went in an early hour to the Depot to get some fruit for Mary Spent the day in attending to my business Cares — was at the Bank Directors meeting at 8 p.m. Oct. — wrote to J. Cattell of West Haverford relative to my wife & Daughter's taking lodgings with him for a week or so while they are in Penna. — Mary seems better to day — I dispatched Isaac & son Frank about 4 3/4 Oct. for Fall River the latter returned about 3 Oct. — Evg at Cg House

3d. day 29th. Went to the Cg Room before breakfast and devoted my time including the evg. chiefly to Cg House duties. Edmund & Thomas at their Cousin Ellen's Marriage Party — Our dear Mary rather more comfortable to day than for a few days past but not wholly relieved from the soreness of the Chest, so that a Plaster was applied succeeding the Leeches.

4th. day 30th. Devoted my time at the Cg House &c to the duties of the place and the Family

in the forenoon — and till the dinner hour when whom we had the compy. of John Hopkins who is about leaving to take up his residence at Bloomsburgh Penna. to be the Clerk of the Iron Compy. in which my brs. Wm. & Charles are largely interested he has earned for himself a good reputation as a man and an accountant since he was thrown upon our shores a destitute Sailor boy in 1842 and goes from us with the regard and good wishes of his employers late & former, & numerous friends — I was at the Cy. room again in the afternoon & eve —

5th. Day 10 mo. 1 — Employed at the Cy. House in the forenoon designing to go to Fall River to make my Mch. payments — Set off about 1 Oclk — and spent the time till dusk in attending to my Whf. business and in seeing Hawes Merrill & David on some points connected with the duties & obligations of Machinists for Cotton Machy — examined the new mill of the Iron works Compy — and had conversation with Sr. David of the Pocasset Coy. about Manf. & Machinery &c — At lamp lighting applied to my Wharf labor Settlements and business relating to the Whf. operations at the Pocasset Cy. Room — where I saw Mr. Tur-

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man of the Sch. Carrier — My business detained me till past 12 O'clk. and as I wished to leave for home by 4 O'clk or as soon after as I could get off I concluded to content myself with a nap in the mill rather than encounter the uncertainty of getting any sleep in quarters to be sought at that late hour. 6th 2d — Set off on my return from Fall River about 5½ O'clk. Called at the Ledge for a minute or two and reached home about 8 O'clk — devoted the forenoon to C.J. Brown and factory business and — in the afternoon was at the funeral Services at J.H. Bartlett on the death of his son in law Jos. Seabury late clerk of the B. Com. Bank. a very worthy young man. who had been long in delicate health and has now fallen a victim to pulmonary consumption. — Mr. Holmes officiated — on leaving I returned to the C. House and join'd the family circle

7th day 3d Went early to the C.R. Depot on business of another but found that the Cars started earlier than I had supposed by a quarter of an hour — devoted the day & evg. to C.J. House duties and the business of the Factory. Had a call from Caroline Weston in relation to a proposed alteration of the arrangement

of the clerks - as one of the Cond. of arrangements or superintendance when the School was under the authority of the Trustees - to which I saw no objection as the arrangement could be easily restored if desirable, and gave my assent

1st. day 4th Occupied in the morning in printing the invitations, for the month, on the Temp.ce papers to be sent to the Seamens boarding houses - went to meeting as usual - called at Mothers & A Robesons, and otherwise at home - We had many Calls - from our friends with reference to the expected departure tomorrow of my wife & Mary to try the effect of the Climate of Penn.a on the health of the latter - Amos Arnold A Roberson & Dr. Read & wife here in the evg. Mary seems very bright and comfortable to day no check & Cold is better but rather oppressive toward wf - I shall have some anxiety for both of them Ed. goes as their protector who is also not very well

2d. day 5th Engaged at the Bank and C.H. House most of the day. The weather having the appearance of approaching rain it was thought most prudent to defer setting off till to-mor-

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I therefore returned to my duties at the Cg. house and Factory — Wm. H. Hall & Geo. A. Armstrong the Lessees of the Bellevue House came to day to adjust accounts and the rem. of the day & ev. was devoted to the examination of the numerous vouchers which they brought with them to authenticate their Charges.

3? day Rose early and repaired to the Cg House, where the day was mostly Spent — left it long enough to go to the Depot to see Mr. Chase M. on invalid daughter Mary and he bro. Edm. take their departure in the Cars for Newyork — The weather is very promising and I think they have good reason to be satisfied with the delay of One day in Letting off — having prepared a Statement of my acc. with H & A — having completed H. Ab. & Bell — I called with Hall & Armstrong at A. Robinsons, and then with him in Cg. went to my Uncle William's to converse in reference to my renewal of the Lease — But nothing was adjusted — the Lease having done

months yet to run and the brothers hav-
ing some disinclination on one side, at
least, to renewing the lease in compli-
— The subject was left for them to
settle in regard to the future, as they
might agree — They called with me
to complete the settlement for the past year
at my house
4th day I devoted purely mostly to
the account of St. & H. at the C. H.
— Through the day rec'd — took a walk
to the R.R. Depot to send something
that was accidentally left to our dr.
Mary in New York
5th day 8th Spent the morn'g & forenoon at
the C. H. & factory and at 10 Oclk. set off
for Fall River to see after my concerns there
— Called at S. Smalls to see Allen Negus whom
I found still prostrate on his back, having re-
tained that position with scarcely any excep-
tion ever since the injury now 4½ weeks
— he has had more pain of late which makes
him desirous that Sweet shd go again to see
him — the tide being low I went round
the S.E. & West Wall of the whf to the north
extremity of the S.E. Wall. Called at Sister
Lydia's and found her well — she informed

me that they had on that day had Thomas Worcester Roiffe to dine with them consequent on the nuptial engagement of their Son to her daughter — N. Ruggles & wife were on a visit to them from Newport, the latter only then in the house, whom I only saw in passing through the entry for a glass of water on my way to the Ledge Sarah & his brother being out on a ride — I was glad to find that the work at the Ledge was going on pretty successfully — The Stones where they now are coming out of suitable size and shape for Isaacs deep water wall. I spent some time with Stephen Duval in looking through the factory by Candle light, to gain information relative to lighting ours &c and left for home about ½ past 8 O' Clk. and had a pleasant ride by moonlight arriving about 11¼ — The weather is clear & cool after a very warm day which approached in calmness & temp.ᵉ the finest Summer days — We heard from N. York of the safe arrival there of my wife and children, the passage crowded on board the boat

6th. day 9th. Occupied at the Cg. House & through the day & Eveng – had a visit at the Factory from Mr. Dean one of the Contractors of our Cotton machy – who seems disposed to correct all imperfections and I hope he will not finally object to supplying all deficiencies – I saw the large engine for the 1st. time in motion, and it appeared to move with sufficient ease & energy –

7th. day 10th. Devoted the day chiefly to Factory business: to the fan for circulating the air through the Chimney, and other necessary appendages – which I think are successfully contrived, and in a few days, say another week I think we may put both to the test of experiment. I went at 7½ P.M. to the Whig Caucus meeting, and took some pains previously to get others to attend to ensure the choice of delegates favorable to the nomination of Joseph Grinnell at the approaching Congressional Convention to be held on the 15th. Inst. at Hyannis – Abm. H. Howland having been for some time making interest for himself in opposition – The meeting was very large and resulted as was to be wished without anything to offend the large minority

other than defeat — J. H. Clifford made an appropriate Speech and offered a resolution of approbatory of the Course of Jno. Grinnell in Congress during the late Session which passed unanimously — immediately after the appointment of delegates the meeting was dissolved — and I resumed my business at the Cg House where I remained till near 12 O'clk.

1st. 11th. Attended meeting as usual and in the evg. went to the anniversary meeting of the "Dorcas Society" which was well attended — The Speakers were Mr. Painter Jas. B Congdon Mr. Babcock & Mr. Wasson —

2d. day 13th. Went to the Bank Directors Mg. after having Spent the morng at the Cg House and devoted the rest of the day to the business of the Cg. House & Factory. which occupied me till late in the evg

4th. day 14th Occupied as usual at the Cg. House and Factory — the hot air fan and some other arrangement for the latter which is now had considerable of my time & thought. evg at the Cg. House

2d. day 12th. Left home early in the morning to take Isaac Francis to Fall River, and to attend the 2nd. Mg. of the Pocasset Manf.

Co. which took up the forenoon — dined at Micahs with Ch & Benj.n & Susan — and spent the afternoon about Factory Concerns — and returned in the evg. rather late

5th. day 15th. At the Cg. Room &c before breakfast — at the Bank directors Mtg. and afterward at the Store &c in the afternoon principally occupied with reference to the Factory fixtures &c — We heard from Ma chese & the Children, at Wakefield tolerably well though both (mother & daughter were affected with Cold, the former particularly having but partially recovered from a pretty severe one when they left home — Otherwise than this slight affection Mary was as well or better apparently than when they left us — I wrote to my wife hastily. and spent the evg at the Cg House.

6th. day 16th. Spent the day in attending to Cg. House duties and to some of the minutiæ of the Factory fixtures and concerns, and giving some care to the pending Bridge Case. which it is said will come on trial to-morrow before the Circuit Court of the United States in Boston under a bill of indictment found by the Grand Jury some months since on complaint by Wilcox & Richmond and others, for greatly impeding and in some cases preventing the navigation of the northerly part of the harbor

Evg at the Cg House

5th. day 17th. I had a Subpoena Served on me this morning as a witness in the Bridge Case but not in a form to compel my attendance and therefore I remained at home. my own engagements being very pressing, and being unwilling to appear except by necessity adversely in a case which so immediately interests my Uncle Wm Rotch Jr. — devoted the day till 3 Oclk to Cg. Affe. and Factory duties and Cares, in devising the best means to gain certain necessary and desirable ends, for the success and Safety of the Establishment. — after dining I went to Fall River to see to my whf. business — concluding to remain there till morning, arrived there at twilight, Called at bro: Micah's to announce my intention — and Spent most of the Evg. with them

1st. day 18th. Left Fall River about 6 Oclk. and arrived at home about 8½, attended meeting as usual. had a call from B. S. Rotch in the Evg. and I called at C. W. Morgans at a later hour — and wrote a letter in triplicate to the Referees in the Controversy between Gs Howland and myself.

2d. day 19th. Attended the Bank Directors Mtg. and was principally occupied at the Fac-

tory through the day — Morning & Evg at the Cg Hse
3. day 20th Engaged at the Cg. Hse and
Factory. boxed up temporarily round the
hot air opening to throw the light atmos-
phere current into the mill — The
wind being easterly the current was
very strong, but the fire being small
under the Furnace and the brick pas-
sage long (about 100 feet underground without
the building) it was very little above
the temp in the mill by the time it
reached the outlet — In the evg I
with H.G. Sull traversed the tube — and
found some water which had rained
in which are removed —
4th day 21st Spent the day in attend-
ing to my Cg Hse & the Factory Concern
— The increase of fire by stant the large
engine in the afternoon together with
the effect of the previous atmospher-
ic current — made the air come into
the Mill warmed to about 60 in the
afternoon — I spent the evg at
my brothers Benjn — where I met
Isaac Winslow and his daughter &
our brothers sisters — Sister & Bro-
were there at tea — O.H. Morgan came
to day from Boston — who thinks there

little chance of the Court's taking jurisdiction of the Bridge indictment — the argument on that question will probably occupy the remr of the week. —
5th day 22d Engaged at the Factory most of the day, called at the Mansion House to see Isaac Winslow & daughter — had a pleasant conversation with her but he was out.
6th day 23d passed the day as usual in attending to the details of some operations at the Factory and in C.J. Hee. duties. the latter occupying the eve — till a late hour
7th day 24 The preparation at the Factory for commencing work in a small way on 2d day next took up nearly all my time through the day & Eve — Wm Dowd was here to start the Speeders to day.
1st day 25th Went to Mg. as usual and except a call at I Francis' (whom I did not see) and a walk to my Nr lot and a call at Mothers I was at home through the day & eve — Susan Smith gave us one of her interesting exhortations in the forenoon & a prayer in the afternoon of a sweet and touching character. Sister

Phoebe is happening with a bad cold, consequent on her devotion to house cleaning Care, paint &c the Kitchen &c &c.

2. day 26th. At the C.H. &c before breakfast — then to the Bank, and returned to note the thermometer and had the misfortune to break one of my thermometers, and most of the forenoon was taken up in procuring others and arranging with W.C. Taber to have a new tube made to restore the pair of corresponding accuracy to be observed simultaneously — afternoon at the Factory &c and after dinner went to the funeral of our friend Reuben Russell — and finished the day & ev'g. at the C.H. &c —

3d. day 27 Spent the day in attention to the concerns of the C.H. & Factory, except the time occupied in attending the funeral of Thomas B. White Cash'r. father who died suddenly last week — I rode to the Grave with Thos S Watterson ev'g. at the C. House. Rose early to ex-

4th day 28. Spent the M.F. forenoon at the C.H. & after a late dinner, looked over several papers this day &c. & finished the afternoon & ev'g. in adjusting the readjustment of pears of the mercury left which were found to be out [illegible] of the ev'g. at the C. House

5th day 29 At the C.H. &c. before breakfast — after that meal at the Bank Directors

meeting, devoted the remainder of the day to the cases of the Factory & C.J. House — the former of which detained me till very late in the ev'g — endeavoring to complete some arrangements preparatory to introducing some female operatives into the mill to-morrow

6th day 30th The concerns of the Factory took up nearly all of my time to day, correcting some mistakes and perfecting the arrangements referred to in my note of yesterday. had the aid there in the ev'g. of a cooper and Coppersmith — and it was quite late before the job was completed. On getting home I found a letter from Geo. Howland Jr Ch.r of the Selectmen demanding two thousand Dollars the amt. of the damages claimed by Geo. Howland, and awarded to him by Bd. of Mayor for the land taken in the extension of Water Street across his wharf lot to the S. line of my wharf lot (a distance of ten rods) to intersect Hillman St. continued, in the centre of my whf. lot. — This award is the consummation (perhaps?) of the injury which I have had to suffer from the unjust, and tyrannical & persecuting Spirit which G. H. has shown towards me for the last five years — which is explicable only on the principle

of revenge with which he threatened me after
— On acc.t of a pecuniary transaction with
the heirs of my father, which was perfectly
fair and honorable on their part, and to which
I was not the acting representative of said
heirs — to which unrighteous intent he appears
to have had the power to make Officers &
Selectmen his willing or mistaken or unwilling instruments.
7.th day 31.st Rose early to vote and made
a short letter to Simeon Borden David
Buffum & Jervis Shove, reminding them
of my late Com.n and of the bond which I
was under, and to illustrate the force of
the Bond gave a copy of the Com.n and
demand made on me by the Selectmen
for $2000 for my antagonists or opponents
— Devoted the forenoon to business at
the Factory — after dinner prepared my
temperance papers for distribution and
then went to Fall River on horseback
to return with my wagon, my own horse
being unfit to use, I bor.d A. Roberson's
for that purpose — ar.d there about dark
and called at bro Micahs, and then to the
Wharf, left my horse and took a walk by
moon light to see the other wharves in pro-
cess of construction at Fall River, and
finished the day at the Pocasset Office

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preparing for my monthly settlements with the workmen — went to M. H. R's to lodge

1 day 1st Rose early and continued my writing for settlements till the Mg. Hour — but relying on the notice of the bells I did not hear them and overstaid the hour, and so rec'd the bible as my lodgings, Sister L. went to the Swedenborg Mg. She and I being the only ones at home Micah, the two girls and Lacy having gone early in the Mg. to spend the day at his brothers in Rochester. I walked out as I usually do, to the whipple and returned. had quiet time in reading the Sermon on the Mount &c, till Mg. hour when I went to Friends Mg., on Main Street and found a small assemblage and heard a short and edifying exhortation from Vining — the Mg. was short and I afterward walked to my lodgings — and called at Alex Borden's and Capt. Gray's — returned to my sisters late dinner and remained at home through the eve. A young Lawyer of the name of Fowle, and Simeon Borden spent the eve. — the Rochester Party arrived about 8 o'clk

2d day 2d Rose early and had a conference with J. Francis about my what business ordered my horse, and Stockpole at Nicols and took a good breakfast, prepared by my kind Sister to be ready for me at any hour at which I might set off for home — My engagements detained me till near 12 when I left Falls River and arrived before 3 — dined, and then finished printing on my temp.ce papers for the month, having left my types &c as they were used on 4th day — prepared my vacation journal for my 3 daily notes — and then went to the Factory & Cg House, where I was till late hour —

3d day 3d Devoted myself to Factory & Cg House business, and to preparing an article for publication in the "Mercury" in exposition of the finale through the instrumentality of the Select Men of Geo Howlands Revengeful persecution of me for the last five years — by which I was occupied at the Cg House till quite late — We this day put the Fan in motion for circulating the air of the Factory through the Chimney for the purpose of warming the building — It operates with considerable effect — but the long stone brick passages being cold & damp the effect was not so

Satisfactory as it may hereafter be expected to be —

4th day 4th Spent the day at the Factory & County House — in the former the operations have commenced pretty Satisfactorily but it will be Some weeks before all parts will be in Successful action. My wife & Children were expected to day but. by Elizabeth Fisher who came with them to Newyork we learn that they Staid One day longer to have their Choice of the Passage Boats — The Factory was made rather uncomfortable this afternoon by the warming apparatus in the lower room — I was at the Co. House till a late hour, my business having got a little in arrear by the distraction of mind of my attention of late to the Factory

5th day 5th Went to the Co. House before breakfast — then to the Bank Directors Mtg. and called afterwards to see my niece Eliz: Fisher who came with My wife & Children to Newyork and left them there yesterday — to come to-morrow afternoon, the weather being too unpleasant for them, and very raining for Several days — Had they come the time except a dense fog which lengthened the passage to Stonington Several hours, which in this Apart

was not objectionable, but very pleasant
— the atmosphere being very mild and calm
— I devoted the rem.r of the day to Cg House &
Factory Cases — at the Cg Hse till a late hour
6th Day 6th A slight abrasion of the Skin
resulting from my horseback ride to Fall
River has interfered to day with my locomo-
tive Powers — so that I did not go out be-
fore breakfast — and came early home
in the evg. the latter deviation from my or-
dinary habit was to meet Ma & Chas H
and the Children who arrive this evg from
New York via Stonington & Providence —
Stopping on the way to avoid the night
riding usual on that route — Mary appears
better & my wife's cold is also much
relieved — and I hope that the joints
will have been useful as to health as
well as very pleasant in its incidents
— They have been very kindly rec.d by their
numerous friends —
7th Day 7th Attended to my business as usual
at the Factory & Cg House — Through the
day and till a late hour in the evg —
1st day 8th Attended meetings as usual,
my bro.rs Wm J Charles & their wives called
& Chs Randall in the evg — I called to see Isaac
Francis at the close of the afternoon Mg.

21[2] and stopped 11 Nov. 1846 home time at the Store with reference to the business of to-morrow — Mrs Chen H & Mary Continue pretty well they took a walk to Mothers this afternoon.

2[d] day 9[th] Occupied at the C.J. House & factory & through this day and the early part of the ev[g] — was at the M[g] of Bank Directors, at the Polls to vote for State Officers & Congressman and in the ev[g] at my bro[r] Williams with Mrs Chas H and our two elder Sons — had some conversation there with A Roberson & H.W. Morgan, and concluded to submit to their examination the article which I have had about a week in the hands of the Ed[r] of the Mercury but as he has not yet published.

3[d] day 10[th] An alarm of Fire roused me about 3½ Oclk — a previous alarm not having waked me — on going out I learned from Mrs who had just returned that the fire was in the building Corner of Water & Center Sts occupied by Bourne & Lincoln as a clothing Store — it caught from the furnace pipe in the basement and did much injury — but was then extinguished — I went to the C.J. Hse — where I was occupied most of the day and in the ev[g] principally in the ledger to ascertain the balances as ascertained by Jn[o] Hopkins

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4th day 11th Spent the day in relation to the concerns of the Factory & to the State of my affairs with the Town & Geo Howland — My Com.n touching this affair prepared for publication not being such on further consideration as best to suit the Case in my own opinion as well as in that of Ch Robeson & E. H. Morgan I was mostly occupied the latter part of the day and till very late in the ev.g in writing it over — I was thus detained from joining my fam.y in a visit to Ch H. Morgans to meet a family party for Eliz.a Fosdick

5th day 12 partly occupied as yesterday the com.n of the time principally devoted to Stating my acc.t with Jacob Dantzeisen who is in Solvency, and unable to pay his debts — The lot of land which I bo.t for him in 1837 being yet unpaid the title remains with me & will leave but a small am.t to go to his other Creditors

6th day 13th Spent the m.g & forenoon chiefly at the C.g. Hse, complet.g my acc.t with J. Dantzeisen & lot & in attending to Factory Concerns — We had Mother & Father and Sister Eliza to Clinic & Spend the day with us — There is quite a change in the weather a gale from the N.E. which has prevented the temp.r of the Factory from being of the desirable

temperature — and making it apparent that the heat from the Room Chimney will not be sufficient — Sister Sarah & her Son Rodman were also with us at tea. and Mr Mason called in the ev'g —

7th day 14th Occupied at the M.H. through the forenoon. and in the afternoon I had an interview with Horatio Hempton one of the Select men on the subject of their extraordinary award of $2000. as the damage! to Geo. Howlands Estate by the extension of Water St. to Hillman St. He S— that they did not take into view any benefit which the Street would be to Geo Howland, he did not think it was any benefit to him they estimated the qu. of land 25 Rods and its value in that part of the Town $80. P. Rod. and this was the basis of their estimate. as I understood him the Selectmen did not go on the ground to examine the premises — H. H. Feather was present and took part in the Conversation — He said that G. H. had made two propositions to me which might relieve me from the pay.t one the extension of the St. to Mayfield St. & the other to discontinue the part last accepted. I told that they were both out of my power, but the last alternative had never before been suggested to me — But if

he would call a Town Mg. and get a vote for the discontinuance and I should be glad if he would do so — — At the close of the interview I went to the Cg House and was occupied there through the evg —

1st day 15th Took out my temp. papers for distribution before breakfast and left them with Mr Salisbury and then extended my walk to the Factory premises — attended Friends Mg in the forenoon and called at Mothers at its close — and then went to the Factory to see the result of the examination of the Steam Engine, in which they found one of the valves so wrongly placed that the effect of one Cylinder was nearly if not wholly lost, which I hope will be found to account for the unexpected Consumption of fuel which we have experienced — I was detained at home in the afternoon by an unintentionally long nap — and went to the Anti Slavery Convention in the evg — when I heard Edmund Quincy Parker Pillsbury and Loring Moody the Mg. was large and the prominent topics of the Constitution & the Church as the bulwarks of Slavery were discussed with ability & interest — Sprinkled with the Keenest reflections and Caustic, as well as ludicrous inferences & illustrations which some of the

Speakers in the anti slavery Ranks are apt to indulge in —

2. day 16th Attended the Bank Directors Meeting and devoted the portion of the day to duties at the Ex. House &c. where I was till late in the ev'g. Went with A. Robeson in the afternoon to the Select Men's Room, to confer with them relative to the late award of Damages to Geo Howland and learn the principle on which the Estimate was made — All of them were present. G. Howland J. S. that the estimate was made by his colleagues, he having abstained from taking any part in it — The others said that they estimated the land at $80 P. rod on 27 Rods, and that in their judgment it was worth more. I enquired if they had taken into view the benefit to Geo Howlands estate. H. Simpton P. he did not consider that it was of any benefit — I found by their records that. G. H. demand was for 27 Rods of land @ $150. P. rod. and $1500 for injury to his Estate by bringing any wharfs into competition with his and drawing off the Custom — In the whole $5550 — I also learned that he had made them a proposition to release the damages which he had received if the Street should be discontinued with my

consent and I would fix the dividing line between our lots where it was put by the agreement made by the aid of the overseers which he had directly violated but which he impudently and falsly insinuated had been violated by me.
3d day 17th At the Cy. House & through the day & Evg - with ~~the~~ exception of part of the forenoon at the Ins. Office conversing with Abr. Barker E. M. Tiberon & Jos Arnold on the late award by the Selectmen by which I was liable under the Bond to pay $2000 to go into G. H. Bartlett or rather to replace a like sum paid to him by the Town — J. Arnold showed his usual dissatisfaction at all past proceedings in relation to Water Street and want of all sympathy with me in the persecution which G. H. had practiced for the last 5 years. I discussed the policy of calling a Town Meeting to get the release from the Bond by a vote of the Town, or authority to have the damages assessed by a Jury or, clear the subject by having the Street from Va. St. discontinued — I spent part of the afternoon in correcting the article which I had prepared for the Mercury on the subject, and afterwards left it for the opinion of E. M. Roberson —

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4th day 18th — Occupied from early morng to late at night with my accts & concerns at the Office &c — Had an interview at desk with E. M. Robinson on the subject of the Town Mtg &c — He advises against any immediate action but to ascertain my legal rights & to omit the proposed discontinuance of the Street if a Town Mtg is called — had also an interview with A. Robeson on the subject —

5th day 19th — At the C.H. &c before breakfast — At the Bk. Directors Mtg at the close of which I was met by Jn. Howland who informed me that he and W. P. Howland wished to have an interview with me, and I proposed any time which would best suit their convenience — 3 Oclk P.M. at my C.H. &c was agreed upon — I passed the forenoon at the C.H. &c and was there again in the afternoon by appointment with the above named overseers of the Mtg. of Friends. The object of their visit was to treat with me on the inconsistency of Friends having instruments of music in their families — They & J.H. read to me some paragraphs from Friends writings on the subject — to which I gave my general assent. The views of the Society when properly explained being in

my judgment sound. but notwithstanding this, I do not consider that the perception of harmony in sounds or in numbers is to be condemned — That natural Sensibility is not a faculty to be expunged, but like all other sources of enjoyment to be carefully regulated that it may not have an undue importance by drawing off the mind from the Solid acquirements and Serious duties of life — within just limits I think it may be and is Salutary not only in lending a calming and refining relaxation to the Care worn and troubled Spirit, affording a sweet Social Solace after Physical toil. and in allaying the mind when harassed by vexations and disappointments incident to the rough pathway of life in the present Stage of Christian Civilization, to the contemplation of that higher State of being which our Religion has revealed to us, and which borrows one of its most touching illustrations from this Susceptibility of the Organization which does Heavenly Father has given us — as when it is written that the Morning Stars Sang together, and all the Sons of God Shouted for joy — I explained to them the condition of my family. the causes which had their foundation in nature, and the

circumstances of our Social relations to kindred, and alluded to those, not unconnected with the course which the Society has suffered one of its members to pursue towards me individually for the last five years – as having tended to produce a distaste for the more strict requirements of the Society in punctilios and to lessen their attachment, or respect for the principles, which I myself held paramount to those of any other Sect of those denominated Christians. — Under this State of things I had thought and still think it justifiable to relax to some extent in this particular the restraints which parental authority might have enforced – and I could not yet see that I ought to prohibit to my Children, while I should endeavor to prevent a prejudicial attention to it, an amusement, which is capable of being made subservient to their refinement and improvement of the Character, and to which the chief or only objection to it is its liability to lead to less innocent pleasures, from its too frequent alliance with vice, and its liability to be abused – especially as I had always protested and should continue to protest against those unholy alliances, and when from

the delicate health of one of my daughters
I Wd. be sustaining one of her most cherished
sources of occasional enjoyment. I could
not refrain from calling to their minds with ref-
erence to the strict observance of the peculiarities
of the Society while matters of vital importance
were overlooked or little regarded as in the case be-
tween Gr Howland and myself. when the Over-
Seers had taken the matter in hand and had
brought about an agreement by which the dif-
ferences were to be settled — hard and unwarrantable
as the conditions were which G H. prescribed and to
which they advised me to accede more as I always
believe from the inflexible Self Will of my Opponent
than from any reason or justice in the terms — and
which on the most false pretexts he refused to fulfil
though I had promptly done my part — and per-
sisted in his refusal for years & down to the present
time. Which shameful violation of his voluntary prom-
ise, the Overseers & many other friends were fully
apprised of — and now that through the action
of the Town I had obtained what I had twice
paid him a full equivalent for, he had man-
aged to make the Selectmen instruments of his
hostility, and through their most unwise or un-
righteous award to him of damages. for a Street
which greatly enhanced the value of his Estate

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which he has three times admitted by his acts. to take from me two thousand Dollars. under the Clock[illegible] law — With reference to these facts & circumstances I could not refrain from calling to their minds the rebuke in the Gospel. Ye pay tithe of mint and anise & cummin & have omitted the weightier matters of the law Judgment Mercy & Faith. — We parted in perfectly good feeling as I believe after our long and frank conference which lasted from about 3 O'clock till dusk — Eliz.ª Fisher dined with us quite unceremoniously — I remained at the C.J. House till late at night writing to Jer.ª Mason of Boston on the subject last referred to viz the demand of the Select men on me to refund the $2000 which they had awarded to C. H. Had some conv.ⁿ with C.S. Tompkins about leaving

6.th day 20.th Occupied at the C.J. House & most of the day & till late in the evg.

7.th day 21 Spent the day at the C.J. Hse. & Factory &c — made some alteration in the pipes of the Water Closets there. with a view to their more perfect action — I wrote till late at the C.J. House.

1.st day 22. Attended Meetings as usual — called at Isaac Francis' House and found that he had not ar.d from Fall River. afterward went with Ed. to call on Benj.ª & Anna Rotch at Uncle Williams but we were too late. as they were at dinner

called at Mothers after the 2d. meeting. C.J. at home enjoying the quiet appropriate to the day & the hour in readg & Conversation - as much as the anxious cares of the week and the future would permit

1st day 23d - At the C.J. House before breakfast made several Calls with reference to financial matters. Was at the B.K. Directors Mtg. C.J. Hat Factory &c Through the day and till very late in the eve. B.S. Rotch called at the Office and I went with him through the factory - had a conference in the C.J. with C.S. Coupkins and A.G. Hull on sundry subjects connected with the mill machinery powers &c &c - Edm.d & Thomas were at Jas. Arnolds to dine; with B.S. & A. Rotch &c. and at W.J. Rotch's in the C.J. with them &c.

2d. day 24th At home till after breakfast, then to the C.J. House &c - called twice at Mothers with reference to the transfer of one of her farms in Northern Newyork which she bo.t for her distant relatives the Coffins - saw them on my 3d Call Abbott Lawrence. and his daughter & Son in Law B.S. Rotch - dined of the forenoon at the Steeple - afternoon partly at home - at the C.J. House toward eve. - and home at tea to meet a Small family Party consisting of B.S.R. Anna Rotch - Uncle Wm's family generally including our nephews the Arnolds

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Wm & Emely & Mary Potter - A & A. Robeson and their children who are here - viz Thos & Sybil & Mary Robeson - with mother Sister Eliz and our niece Eliz -

4th day 25th Occupied at the C.J. House & the morn the day and eve. 5th day 26 Occupied making some extracts at the Town Hall from the Town Records relating to the action of the Town relating to Water St. within the last year during the forenoon - and in the afternoon & eve I was engaged there in making extracts from the records of the Select men relating to the Same Subject and to some other Streets as far back as 1836 - These engagements were to supply Jr. Mason with the data which he wanted to make up his judgment as to my legal rights to ascertain whether they would protect me from the injustice of the Selectmen in awarding excessive damages to Lyd Howland, under my bond to the Town, prevented my attending meeting on this Thanks giving Day.

6th day 27th I completed this forenoon the extracts from the Selectmen's records, and sent them to Boston by the train this afternoon, putting them in charge of Frank who leaves for Fall River. to give to the Conductor for

Hatch's Express — after dinner at the C. House & till late in the evg — On 4th day had the South parlor grate taken out. in order to introduce an evaporating pan to moisten the atmosphere which my wife thinks, since her late visit to N. York & Phila is unfavorable for health where Anthracite Coal is used — her wish was to substitute the bituminous Coal, but I think that the important point will be gained by evaporating water — no inconvenience from want of Ventilation having been perceived — but if this is lacking I should prefer a register in the Chimney breast, as more philosophical and efficient —

5th day 28th took passage in the Cars for Boston and arr. there at ½ past 9 — called at Jeremiah Mason's Office and ascertained that my parcel containing the extracts from the Records of the Selectmen had not been received — Went in search of it to the Express Office and stopped at Kendalls to breakfast — did not find the papers, and returned to the Lawyer's Office. where I had a consultation with J Mason which finally ended in his opinion that I had no legal remedy for the injustice of the Selectmen to me in their award of $1000 to Geo. Howland for his claim of damages in extending Water to Hillman St — called at one or

two places on business in the city and then walked to the Carpet Manuf in Roxbury — with a view of getting our floor cloths re-painted — found that the business was given up there, returned and took passage home — Frank joined the train at Mystics, he having come from Fall River — On getting home found the family engaged out, at Sister Annas &c — After tea I went to the Coll.rs Office to see about paying taxes, and then to the Factory where I found them engaged in fitting the Dressers for use on 2. day — The harness being wrong the weaver & dresser were employed in supplying the omissions.

1st day 29th Attended Meetings as usual went after the 2d mg to take some measures for supplying the defects in the Factory harnesses — by calling at A.G. Shills &c — Stopped at Mothers on my return and took tea & spent part of the evg with them

2d day 30th — Attended the Bank Directors mtg. and applied myself to the concerns of the Co Hse & Factory till dinner — and then set off for Fall River to make my monthly payments — arr.d there about dark and spent the evg & night at the Pocasset Hse — employed myself with a map there —

3d day 1st mo 1 Resumed my work early in the morning — and continued it till

late breakfast hour, when I went to my Sisters and had pleasant visit to her alone the Girls having gone to Mkfield to attend aunt Mary's party this evening — visited the workmen at the Ledge — and returned to the P. Office to complete my business - which occupied me till about 8 Oclk — when I started for home, and ar.d a little after 11 — The young men were much later in returning from Aunt Mary's party — given for Ellen & Edw.d Mottley — who were here from Dedham to spend the "Thanksgiving" —

4th. day 2d — Occupied as usual at the Cg. House & Factory — attended at the hour of business with Ed. Gardner as Exam.r. trustee of the Inst.n for Savings — at the Cg House late in the af — Started one of the Looms at the Factory towards w —

5th. day 3d — At the Cg. Hse a while in the forenoon - and then to the public Mtg. of the 2d. quarterly assemblage of the Society of Friends - returned at the close, and gave some attention to the alterations in the South Parlor Grate. to moisten the air to evaporate water, Georgiana Riddell dined with us — and I spent the latter part of the afternoon and ev.g. at the Cg. House — The factory work performed as well as is usual — returned home late &

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6th. Day 4th. Spent the day at the Cg Hse except the time of dining &c with Mother. Jane P. as our guests, and in the evg at tea &c with the addition of Thos & Lydia Green. Eliza Mitchell & Elisha Dimon — My engagements last evg precluded my attending the public Mtg. of the Port Society — held at the Town Hall to hear an address from E. T. Taylor of Boston, to excite if possible some new zeal in this important Cause — I learn that it was largely attended but not by those most able to contribute to its funds. It is hoped however that the Instn may not be destroyed for lack of means to continue its operations

7th. day 5th. Occupied before breakfast in making some calculations with reference to transactions with my uncle William Rotch Jr., called on him after breakfast, and improved the opportunity to enquire how much land was taken in the extension of Sixth Street from Union to William St. with a view to presenting the consideration of the Town in the exposition of the late proceedings of the Select Men in relation to Water Street from North to Hillman St; the contrast in the action of the Selectmen on those two, in connection with other

similar occasions — He was not able to inform me on j. but said that he had the means of doing it when at leisure to recur to his plans of the lots — I made some remarks to illustrate the injustice of which Geo. Howland had made the Officers of the Town the instruments in carrying out his hostility to me. My uncle has never appeared to sympathise with me in regard to the infamous conduct of P. individual but rather has suffered himself to be deceived by the false representations of that Specious and subtle but dishonest man — He now took occasion to repeat a remark which he has often made before, on the wrong which was done by me & the other associates of Geo Howland, in causing, or promoting, the appropriation in 1839 to remove the obstructions on Gen Winslow's lot, to permit us to make at our own expense both of land, and of the construction of the Street from Middle to North Street, as though, if that had been an impolitic measure, which no man can make to appear, that was any excuse for one of the joint actors cheating another out of all its benefits for 5 years, and then by his wicked devices to tax me, for his own purse through the Town Officers, who were his instruments, with one half of the amount, which was $2000. which it was so wrong for the Town to pay for what was demonstrably a great public benefit

as the price which I had to pay, again, to be able to share any part of that benefit, as it regarded my wharf at the foot of Hillman St., and this after having paid a full equivalent to him on two previous occasions, and on of them when I had his own formal and written promise to attest its validity, but which he nevertheless basely violated. — My Uncle however of his own accord, now said, what I had, in my first interview with him on the subject, given him as my impression several years since & which he reported to G. H. who then denied its truth, viz that all the trouble about Watts St. had grown out of the Wareham transaction. — Other persons have received the same impression from Geo. Swindell, as previously stated in this diary, & that, by his own showing, his hostile conduct towards me, had its origin in the revenge which he then threatened at this date, & not to me alone, for a transaction between him and the heirs of my father, in w^ch. I was not an immediate actor, but which was as fair and honorable, and even generous towards Swindell under the circumstances, as any fair minded man could desire, — and such as I Theirs, if the position of the two parties could by possibility have been reversed, would have been perfectly

satisfied with — I spent the remainder of the day and evg. at the Cg. House. from which I did not get released till about 12 at night — Ma chere H. Sister & Mary were at Wm J. Botch's at tea — I'd have been glad to share with them the visit but the very pressing Claims on my time did not permit it. —

1st. day 6th Roll early and prepared my temperance papers for distribution at the Seamen's boarding houses — went to the Stage Office evg. to enquire about a passage for Harriet to Newport tomorrow — called also at Mothers

2d. day 7th at the Cg. Hse before breakfast called at C. W. Morgans with reference to the Sale of my part of the Iris — at the Cg. House the day & Evg —

3d. day 8th Engaged at the Cg. House through the day & Evg —

4th. day 9th called to see my mother on this her 89th birth day — called also at Sister Anna's on an errand from my mother with reference to the family party which she is to assemble to commemorate the event — busied mostly all the day at the Cg. Hse & about 9 PM got to Sister Anna's party — Mother seemed very well and bright. I called at her house on retiring from the party and transacted what little business with her dear Sister Lydia

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5th day 10 Called at Mothers after breakfast and spent a considerable time in Submitting to Micah my State ment of my Case to be Submitted to the town, in the hope of getting released from the bonds which I am under to pay the town the $2000 - which the Select men have most unwisely given Gov. Howland in Damages - He made some valuable Suggestions by which I shall try to Profit - Attn. of the day & eve at the Cg Hse. &c

6th day 11th Wrote at home till towards noon, then rode to the Cg Hse. as I had a fall last eve. which disables me from walking with ease or Safety - had a Mtg last eve at the Cg Hse. by the Directors of the Steam Mill Co - - Attn. of the day & eve. at the Cg Hse, having my dinner sent to me, and riding home in the eve -

7th day 12 Writg. at home my Statement for publication to inform the town of my title to them in interference to relieve me from the Bond afterward at the Cg Hse till eve. having my dinner sent to me & ridg to & from

1st day 13th At home all day on acct. of my lameness. writing my piece for publication Expect to go to Boston to-morrow to see about Ins. Co. of the Factory and I mean to improve the opport. to get my memorial to the Inhabitants just written for general distribution prior to the Town Mtg. —

2d day 14th Went to Boston this morng for the purposes stated in the preceding which I accomplished to satisfaction — Walked with Care about the City on my business, engaged Dow & Jackson to do the Printing. and my Cousin B. S. Rotch to read the proofs — breakfasted at Kendalls — and rec'd all desirable aid from Our friends and agents Henry Patterson & Co Stoppel in the evg on my return at the Co. Hse & Factory — to be present at a Mtg of the Stockholders — and was detained late after its close in writing on Factg. business

3d day 15th Engaged at home all the forenoon with the acct. of C. Grinnell Whf. of the Rotch Whf Co. his inaccuracies have cost me much unnecessary labor — Afternoon at the Co. Hse & Factory had to stop the latter on acct. of a failure in the Supply of Water, the Cause of wch was finally ascertained to be by a freezing in the pipe — writing till very late for the Steamer &c.

4th day 16th ~~About Thursday~~ Called at my Uncle Wm Rotch jrs to get the grant of land taken from the Pope & Green lots in the Extension of Sixth Street. and then called on Daniel Butler to converse about the former extension of of Water St through the Pope Wall, stopped on my return to do my duty as trustee of the Savings Institution. then to the Cg. House where with the exception of the dinner hour I was till midnight,

5th day 17th Called at the Bk. Directors Mg. then at Mothers to see E. Fisher who did think of Setting off for home to day but the Snow Storm detained her. I was at the Factory & Cg House. through the rem. of the day & Evg - till near 12 - Walking on coming home was very wet & slipery - Georgiana Riddell dined with us - Mr. Rockwell of Norwich called with Wm Almy at the Factory - which they appeared to think well of. as well as of the Cloth -

6th day 18th Occupied at the Factory & County House through the day and at the latter place late in the evg - I had an engagement at the Prest. of the Ins Soc which I was obliged to omit. also to forego the pleasure of a visit with my wife & Mother I went to at my Uncle Wm Rotch jrs.

called at mothers to see Eliz.ᵗʰ Fisher sick. She has some expectation of setting off for home this afternoon 7ᵗʰ. day 19ᵗʰ. Called to E. Fisher as I went to the Cᵍ. Hse after breakfast — we expected her to dine with us to day — I spent the day & the early part of the evg at the Cᵍ. Hse & Factory — the latter part at the Town Clks. Office, he allowing me to remain after he retired — to look over the Check lists used at the late election of Repᵗᵛᵉˢ &c — with reference to the distribution of the Copies of the Memorial to the Town rec.ᵈ this evg. from Boston respecting the bond for damages which I am under for the extension of N.ᵒ Water.ᵉᵗ.

1ˢᵗ. day 20ᵗʰ Walked before breakfast to H. T. Crapo's to deliver to him the Keys of his Office before breakfast — attended Meetings as usual a family visit from Eli & Sybil Jones was expected between mgs, but She was hindered by a sudden illness in her Sisters family. Chᵖ R. Tucker called to arrange for the visit and again to explain the cause of its non-fulfilment. Geoᵍ. Rickell here at ten. Soon after I had another call from Chᵖ R. Tucker to say that Eli S. Jones would see us this evg if agreeable — We therefore made preparation by keeping the Children at home — With the Said friends came Philip Anthony's wife and Chᵖ R. Tucker — Our Mary did not incline to be present — and Sister Phebe is suffering with a bad cold — S. Jones Spoke acceptably and we

were glad of the visit. She is a woman of Sense and a fluent Speaker as well as animated by that blessed Spirit which belongs to the Christian preeminently. which takes us out of our selfish natures and leads us to Seek the good of our fellow Creatures by personal Sacrifices of our time ease and tastes. they came from China in the State of Maine I was engaged the latter part of the day and till towards morning in correcting some typographical errors in my Memorial to the Inhabitants of the Town relative to the damages awarded to Geo Howland for the extension of Water St. to my wharf, which under my Bond I have been called upon to pay—

2. day 21st. Attended to my business concerns through the ~~day~~ forenoon have just been at the Mtg. of Bk Directors — had a call from Geo. Howland Jr to say that the Selectmen were about to issue a Warrant for a Town meeting and would insert the article relative to the bond if I would furnish it I told him they already had the Article which I wished them to insert — He said that he considered the petition rec. as in aid one which I should present — I told him no, that when the town Meeting came I should be ready with my Statement — He Sd he did feel authorised to notice the first application without my own which he understood that to be in aid. — As I might possibly be in error I concluded to make immediately my manuscript Copy of the Memorial &c and set about it in the after-

noon and Continued at work till late at night —
3. day 22. Continued my writing of the Memorial at home and finished it about noon — went to the Institution for Savings on Business — and rec'd a letter from M. H. Ruggles, condemning the hesitation in the Selectmen to insert an article in the Warrant, and advising against my making any request of my own to them — I made some examination into the law touching the case & think the objections of the Selectmen untenable — latter part of the afternoon & eve. till near midnight at the C.J. House — machine H. had a call from the Rev. Mr & Mrs Wilde
4th. day 23 — Attended at the Mg of the Court of Trustees for examining the books of the Inst. for Saving for the past week and devoted the remr of the day to C.J. House duties Factory also the eve till a late hour
5th. day 24th Engaged at the Factory & C.J. House all day & eve — Mr. Snell being absent at Fall River & Providence requires rather more than usual of my attention to the Factory concerns machine H. and others attended at Church the Service of Christmas Eve.
6th. day 25th. Occupied at the C.J. House most of the day and eve — This being Christmas many of the Factory hands were out and several of our family attended the Religious Services at the Episcopal Church — Thos and I were busy in the eve comps the ledger balances with

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the results of Jno Hoskins Sheet for 23d
inst 26 — Occupied at the Cg. Hse — Chiefly
with a statement of my accts with Jacob Dentzeisen with a view to a Settlemt with the
Assignee of my whole claim — Which is
bound by the land which I bot. for Jacob
but which not having been paid for has
stood in my name — I have now made
a deed by request of Capt McKempton assignee
in favor of Isaac R. Gifford the purchaser at $350 — its real value being about
$500 —

1st day 27 Occupied in attending meetings as usual — and at home — except
a Call at Jacob Dentzeisens about his
land & buildings referred to in my note of
yesterday. — I was in hope that he had had
an understanding with the purchaser to
give him a chance of redeeming it but
I found it was not so — he had made the
arrangement for buying it in at the auction Sale but he says the Sale took
place before the hour — and before he & the
expected Purchaser were on the Ground — Chs.
W. Morgan Fredk Robeson & Frank & Marian
Grinnell Called — I called at James B.
Congdon's and my bro. Wms with reference

to my Memorial to the Town with reference to Water Stock — I called at the houses of the other Signers of the petition for an article in the Warrant to meet the Case who had not been before Supplied with a copy of my pamphlet to leave one with each, I stopped at mothers and took my W.J meal and made a call at A Coberson's — to learn more particularly of the fit at A Roberson jrs and the subsequent dislocation of the Knee — finished the W.J with reading in "Pilgrims Progress" — and contrary to my practice. retired comparatively early to rest — Sister Rhoda detained at home three few days with a cold

2d. day 28th. Occupied in the forenoon with my C.J. House duties. and was at the Bank Directors Mtg — called after dinner on Jas. B Congdon in relation to the Town Mtg. and my Memorial — he thought that I had better make a more definite request to the Selectmen, and I wrote a note to them expressing my object plainly but leaving them to frame the article — but this did not relieve their difficulty, and so I wrote and sent another note containing what they might adopt as the article if they chose to do so — But before

they had rec'd this time of them viz Geo Howe
land Jr & Horatio Kempton called on me at
the Cg room on the subject — when I showed
them the copy of my last note, and they
therefrom copied the article into their
Warrant — for the Mg to be held on 2d
day next — It was intimated to me
by one of the School Com'r that the meeting
had been put off to accommodate T. G. Cof-
fins attendance — to oppose my applic-
ation, and sustain the integrity and hon-
orable course of his client G. H. & Simpson
— — after the Selectmen had retired I was
called to the factory to protect the Ma-
chinery from injury from the leaking
of the Tank in the Attic — The water
having been suffered to get low so that
wood was shrunk by the heat of the room
— which kept me at work pretty an hour
after the factory had stopped — there being
only myson Frank two of the boys and
the Watchman to assist — Returned
afterward to the Cg Hse and was busied on
my balance Sheet till 1 Oclk —

3d day 29 — My attention to day has
been chiefly given to balancing the Sheet
to prove the accuracy of the Books after

the critical examination of Jr° Hosken by two sheet postings — the result is tolerably satisfactory but not quite so much so as when I have been able to do all the work myself — My Son Thomas as clerk of the Factory had the C.J room fixtures and furniture removed from my Store into the J room of the Compy. on the premises —

4th day 30th Engaged at the C.J. House or in the forenoon — In the afternoon at the Town Clerks office making a list of names from the Check lists of Voters — to put on my pamphlets to be issued to inform the public on the question to come up at the Town meeting of releasing me from the bond which the Town holds against me for the damages most unjustly paid to Eq. Howland for the extension of Water St — Contin? my work in the evg — at home — the aid of my daughter Mary & my wife to some extent, and Son Thomas being called in in directing the pamphlets

5th day 31st Occupied through the day in arranging the pamphlets for distribution. Sent about 300 through the Post Office. and was late at the C.J House preparing for the distribution of them through a few Stores much resorted to and through private channels. which obtained

me till very late — and thus ended the year 1846 which has been a year of excessive labor and anxiety, with no very satisfactory results — Toil & trouble which circumstances have forced upon me in the hope of averting greater ills — What the issue may be, it is impossible to foresee — and a long course of effort must yet be made in all probability, before I shall know whether relief and repose or painful exertion and disappointment are to be the final result — May I not forget however, and may the thought be duly improved to impart its consolation, that all things will work together for good to those who look and rely on an over-ruling Providence as controlling the affairs of men — And may I not be forgetful of the hand which unseen has yet been extended to dispense to us the many blessings which with all their troubles and perplexities, have kindly & beneficently given during the year now to be numbered with the past.

6th. day 1st mo. 1. 1847 — After making some final arrangements for distributing the "Memorials" — I went to make a few new years calls in which employment I most unexpectedly spent most of the day without going at all to the Office. I was at T. D. Elliots, J. Arnolds, S. M. Rodmans, W.m C. Ketchs W.m Rotch Jun.r, W. J. Rotchs (Capt. "Charles on business) W.m R. Rodmans Aunt Mary's (Mothers Sister) Thomas — Aunt Nancy Rotchs

Wm. Swain, Geo. Hussey, Sabbath Russell, C W. Morgan, Thos. R Roberson and my bro: Benj.[m] — At A Roberson in the ev.g — to meet E. M Robinson on the Water Street meeting business — he is desirous to aid me in escaping from the liability which the ignorance or the injustice of the Select men has placed me under. but he is of opinion that nothing can be done or said which will induce the public to shield me from the act of their executive Officers however wrong that were at their own expense — The money having been paid to C. H. and he not being likely to relinquish his hold of it however unjustly if legally obtained —

7th. day 2. Occupied at home some time after breakfast, then to my mothers and to the places of business — Bank C. House — the dinner — afterward to the R. R. Depot and then. Several places with reference to the Town Mg.[t] to-morrow, which occupied me till ev.g having a consultation with Rodney French and A.G Soule and A Roberson — at the house of the latter, called also on E. M. Roberson and made two unsuccessful Calls at Capt.[n] Merrills — but he was at Capt Cornelius Howlands, who is very ill, from a sudden development of a disease of the urinary organs.

1st. Day 3. rose pretty early (for this day of the week to prepare my papers for distribution

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by the Port Society Missionary — met with some delay from the effect of the cool weather on my printing roller, which was overcome by making a fire in the tool room and subjecting the roller to the vapor of water — On being ready to go to meeting as usual I was detained by my bro: Benj: who called to make enquiries about the Slaves business to be presented tomorrow to support my course at the Town Mg. if occasion should require it — his object engrossed the forenoon and he passed to meet at the afternoon (having lunched with us) then I was kept from the afternoon Mg. also — after he had satisfied himself I sought for temp: Sunday School & Moral reform. Papers: to make up the Complement for distribution the fifth 1st day of this mo: — my papers specially provided extending only to the fourth — after the evg Meal called for a few minutes at J. H. Cliffords — and attended the evg Service at the Unit: Church — afterwards called to see Capt: Merrill, and Charles Grinnell with reference to the Town meeting —

2: day 4th Rose early and went to Hutchs. House to make some preparation for the Bank directors mtg — which owing to the

pending Town meeting I could not attend
— At nine O'Clock the meeting convened and
after about an hour Spent in acting on
the first articles of the Warrant relating to the
Sale & purchase of School house lots, the
article relating to my memorial and pe-
tition to be released from the payment of
the Bond which I am under to repay to
the Town the two thousand Dollars which
has been awarded to Geo. Howland for the in-
jury to his Estate by the extension of Water
Street to Hillman St. Came on for consid-
eration — Capt. Merrill by my request
moved that I be released from the bonds
— this he said he did not as having
made up his minds as a partizan but
for the purpose giving me a hearing on the
grievances which I felt as imposed upon
me by the said award. — Simpson Perkins
followed in opposition and moved the indef-
inite postponement of the whole Subject.
— Sam'l G. Coffin followed in an elaborate
attempt to vindicate Geo. Howland's course
in relation to Water Street imputing to him
the highest integrity, and bad faith to me
endeavoring to sustain his positions by
a tissue of misstatements and unfounded
assertion — as fast which came to his

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knowledge in the investigation before the referees and denying the truth of the Statements in my Memorial — on some points of which I had to give a denial of his representations — I M. have mentioned that I preceded Coffin in some remarks in support of my Claim in answer to Perkins — T. D. Eliot followed Coffin to deny some of his false or incorrect assertions, and to point out the irrelevancy of his course of remark to the matter under consideration — Rodney French followed T. D. E — and made a lucid Statement of the case and my Claim on the town for Equity in the release from the erroneous and Exparte award which they had given to Geo. Howland in violation of the true requisitions of justice in the Case, the meeting adjourned before he closed his remarks — I M. have stated that Geo. Howland is immediately followed by reading from the records of the Selectmen and passages from my Communications from to them. to vindicate the Selectmen and prejudice me — In the afternoon viz at 2. O'Clock the meeting again convened when R. French resumed his argument to show the false positions which Coffin had advanced

and to vindicate me and R. G. Shull from the unjust and contemptuous imputations which he had cast upon us — and in this he succeeded triumphantly, as it appeared to the mind of a large majority of his numerous auditors — An alarm of fire suspended the meeting for about half an hour before R.F. completed his argument — Edw.d H. Robinson followed on my side and showed the dan.r which w.d be made by the different class of tax payers, if the Habeas were granted — The Speeches were animated on both sides showing Zeal in the Speakers — and the patient attendance of the Citizens through the long consideration showed no common interest on their part — The question of reference to a Com.e of five, to take the matter into consideration & report to a future meeting having been made and withdrawn, the question was finally taken on the indefinite postponement, wh by a strong Vote was decided in the negative — Edw.d M. Robinson then move the release which was violently opposed by Coffin & Abraham Barker, also by Capt. Geo. Randall and supported by the mover with zeal and speech — and finally carried in the affirmative 159 to 134 — Thus was the

question settled, the votes passing before the moderators desk to be counted. Thus justice and equity triumphed over the machinations of Geo. Howland and his supporters. Carried on to my great pecuniary injury, in denying to me all participation in the Great Public improvement effected by the former extension of Water St. from Middle to North St. in violation of good faith and of his implied and written agreements — James B. Congdon presided over the mg. with great propriety and dignity — nominated by Charles Grinnell On my request — And now, for this pecuniary relief in a season of great financial difficulty, and from the anxiety which I have so long been under in consequence of the injustice and bad faith of Geo Howland, may I be duly grateful to that kind Providence which has been pleased by the instrumentalities which have from time to time been brot. into action — and particularly On this recent occasion thus removed a heavy load of anxiety and care by dispating the minds of the inhabitants to do justice to me by reversing at the charge on the Public purse of $2000. the erroneous decision of the Selectmen. — At the close

of the jury I came home to rejoice with my family who have sympathized keenly with me in the trials connected with the late S[illegible] — Mr Kasson called to give his congratulations — and took tea with us — I went with me then to the lecture by R. Waldo Emerson on Napoleon, which was original and interesting — where I rec[illegible] Congratulations for the result of the Town meeting from several of our friends — After coming home with my wife I went to the Ch House and wrote a letter to M. H. Boyle Esq to congratulate him with the issue — by whose advice I have pro[illegible] on several occasions before the present in relation to this long pend[illegible] controversy — Our son Thomas went to Boston to day to attend a class meeting & supper —

3[d] day 5[th] At home before breakfast preparing a card of acknowledgment to my own friends and the friends of Justice for the kind and honorable support which they rendered me yesterday in cancelling the bond, when the true condition on which it was equitably due was not fulfilled Called at Mothers, after having a call from Geo. C. Beckwith the Agent of the Peace Society — for aid which my present circumstances forbid me to bestow — I however promised to speak to

to my mother and enlist her benevolence in the cause - which I did - and she responded to his application devoted the rest of the day to business and to conversations with several of my friends on the events of yesterday - I learn that there is much excitement manifested in town on the subject - and that a new town meeting is to be called to discontinue the Street - This measure is no doubt prompted by Gov. Howland and to defeat my expectations - and promoted by others to get back the money which he has unjustly taken from the town because as I believe, only that I was bound to defend it by the bonds. W.J. at the City House from which I returned at a comparatively early hour - Edm'd & Frank are at a party at Thos. R. Robeson's at the hour of writing.

4th. day 6th. The Warrant for the town meeting as mentioned in my note of yesterday is this day published, having three articles viz 1st. to accept the Street through the Site of the Steam Mill C. to Mayfield St. D. to discontinue the portion of Water Street north of North St. - 3d. to revise the proceedings at the late town mg - I called for my bond yesterday but did not see the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen who had charge of the papers - I wrote a note to him this morning

on the subject, and had for answer that he had not yet rec^d the Official information of the doings of the Meeting - I afterward called on the Town Clerk, and learned that the notice was prepared, and was so when the Ch^n was in the Office - but as it was not taken I think he said that he carried it to his G.H. for house but for some reason was not left there but that he s^d he w^d call in the afternoon & take it - Such being his intention I omitted to carry it to him myself as I had proposed doing - I was on duty at the Savings Bank - much dissatisfaction continues to be felt in certain quarters with the result of the late Town m^g - but many more I believe are well satisfied, on higher and better principles - of which I have evidence in the congratulations of many friends - I was engaged with business cares through the day and till late in the ev^g -

5^t. day 7^h. Went to the R.R. Depot to see Edmund who left this morng for Boston - after breakfast went to the Bank, calling on my way at the Town Clerks office to see if the Selectmen had had the Official notice of the doings of the Town on the 4^th. Inst. - and found that they had rec^d it. I saw Gen Howland & the Ch^n soon after and requested the surrender of my bonds

this he refused to do, because the Town yet had the subject under consideration — I enquired of him how he would show that, he said that another town meeting was called. I asked him if that was an act of the Town or of a few individuals — He however refused before Josiah B King and Nath.l Gilbert to give it up. In P. after I met James Arnold who alluded to the Vote releasing me in a very disapproving way and implied that I had asked the town to release me from an obligation voluntarily assumed, and that now if any body else wanted assistance for any purpose they had better apply to the Town of New Bedford. I told him in reply that I should repel the implication that I had got by that vote any of the Town's money from whatever quarter it might come, the true meaning and intent of the bond did not require the payment, and the Town had done me justice and nothing more. He was loud and emphatic, and I was probably not less so. We went into the Merch.ts Bank, and were less emphatic — J. B. Congdon improved the occasion to tell me that though my Card conveyed a censure on those who voted at the Town Mtg. in opposition to my wishes. I was very sorry to hear this for nothing was farther from my intention, and I wrote a short article for publication to correct this impression and sent it to J.B.C. for his approval

which was given. In the afternoon I was at a meeting of the friends of the Bethel, to take measures to relieve it from Debt, and to sustain its operations — Several Zealous Speeches were made but none came so directly and forcibly to the imperative importance of the support of the Bethel as Capt. M.r Kenrick who spoke under great religious Solemnity. and made a Strong impression — a Com.e of ten were Chosen to raise funds — a Paper was presented with Some Subscriptions and a number were added at the mg — I trust the effort will be Successful — I then went to the factory and made a long call at the Cg House — 6th day 8th Occupied at the Cg House & most of the day — called at James Arnolds this afternoon to learn whether any thing remained on his mind unpleasant, in consequence of the momentary misunderstanding yesterday and I was glad to find that there was nothing — I should have been very Sorry if a mis-hearing on his part or mis-articulation on mine Should have interrupted the friendly neighborly feeling which has always subsisted between us. I was at the Cg. Hse & afternoon and Ev.g — A trial was made of the force pump for Extinguishing fire — and the result was Satisfactory, a great quantity of water was thrown, so that

I think the neighborhood, as well as our own property is rendered more secure by its erection
I returned home between 10 & 11 Oclk
7th day 9th Breakfasted before the family to save the time of walking to and from the Cg House occupied these chiefly through the day and evg - except that I made a call at Rodney French's Cg Hse. and then went to the Town Hall hoping to see the Select men and see the petition for the town meeting now pending but they had not been in formal Session, though two of them had been at the Tr Clerks Office. I was quite late at the Cg Hse. as was my Son Thomas Still later at the Factory Cg Room, he having returned yesterday from Boston as Edm^d did this evg -
1st day 10th The very pressing State of my business and the time lost by my necessary attention to the proceedings in relation to Water Street in conjunction with the Suspended entries for 6 mos. in my principal ledger imposed upon me the unpleasant necessity of spending part of this day at the Cg house and the whole of the evg - I attended the Meeting at the "Bethel" in the forenoon and went with Ma chen H & Edmund to the Episcopal Church in the afternoon. The religious services at the former place was conducted by

Jo. Smith late of the Society worshiping at the Baptist house Corner of County & Allen Sts — and at the latter by the Rev Mr Mason, a Son of the celebrated lawyer Jer.h M. whom I lately consulted in Boston

2. day 11th rose early to prepare my Settlements with my Fall River workmen to be forwarded by the mail & Stage driver, then after an early breakfast went to the Cg House to complete this preparation and at 9 O'Clk. went to the Bank Directors Mtg — and from thence to the Town meeting — convened to reconsider and revise the doings of this day of last week. I was in hope that it would have been soon ended by an indefinite postponement, but under a motion to this effect the discussion was continued not only all the forenoon but through the afternoon. The meeting was very fully attended and a disposition seemed to be felt by the citizens to understand the case fully, so that an adjournment was moved and carried to 9 O Clk tomorrow morng — I went from the Town Hall to the the Cg House and remained there till about 9 ½ Cl Clk. It has been a day of unusual business there being Settling day for the factory — the care of which has of necessity been left wholly to my Son Thomas

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3d day 12th Had an invitation in the morning to meet R. French and A Roberson with A.G. Snell at A Ri's Cg House at 8½ C'clock which I complied with and the business of the Town meeting was the Subject — It was suggested that if we were willing to say as the proof that no unfair advantage should be taken Selfish advantage was meditated by me in objecting now to the extension of Water beyond Hillman St. and to secure in future the onward progress of the street to the north without expense, that I the Promise to give the land in the line of Water Street and use my influence with the Steam Mill Co. that they should do so too — as soon as Maxfield St. should be made off to intersect it and the lot next north should be filled up to let it go to it with the pledge on the part of S. owners that as soon as the land of his next neighbor should be so made off as to admit of the streets reaching it if continued that the owners of the premises at the South should give the street made free of charge to Hilli's N.o line the person thus receiving the benefit to obligate himself to extend the street northward on Similar conditions — and so on & on till it should reach the Shore of Hilli's Point. To this proposition made by R. French I declared myself willing to agree and authorised him to say so in my

behalf — and he did say so in his extended remarks on the Qest. Question of indefinite postponement after the meeting again opened. The debate was continued till noon when the question of indefinite postponement was put and carried by about a doz. votes in the negative the Mg. then adj? to 2½ Clk. with very decided symptoms of a punctual return to vote on the main question and discontinue the Street — During the recess I had a note from Capt. Geo. Tyndall advising me to pay the $2000. and on going into the Town Hall I rec? the same advice from David R. Greene — to which I acceded and authorised him to say so — When I went forward Edw? M. Robinson was speaking and without being prompted to it by my frd D.R. Greene, had offered on his own responsibility that if the Town should dispense with all further action that $2000. should be placed in the Treasury of the Town within 24 hours — On the assurance of this Gentleman the town did vote to ~~discontinue the~~ postpone indefinitely all further consideration of that article of the warrant. My bro? Benj? then rose to speak but no motion being before the meeting he was checked till a motion was made ~~to post~~ postpone indefinitely all action on the 4th article of the warrant — when he proceeded to state that

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he had come to the mg in the forenoon with a check for $2000. in his pocket to offer as a peace offering to allay the excitement on the pecuniary aspect of the case — it was not contributed by his brother or with his knowledge. he did not know that he was then present — It was the free will offering of his mother now in her fourscore & tenth year to remove from every mind the idea that one of her sons has any money which rightfully belonged to the town —

The meeting was evidently touched by the announcement, and the feeling was not checked by the declaration of D.R. Greene that he too was authorised to make the same offering from me and for similar reasons — not that the bond was not fairly & honorably cancelled by the Town but that the idea should not be entertained however unjustly that I was laying a tax upon the people - in any quarter — This was the impression which was probably conveyed by his remarks or at least what I wished conveyed, and I doubt not they were so understood — Sundry remarks were made by several speakers to deprecate or qualify remarks of theirs which might have borne heavily on character - and the meeting

after a unanimous vote of thanks to the Moderator Jas. B. Congdon for the ability fairness and courtesy which had Characterized the discharge of his official duty, the meeting adjourned without day in the best possible Spirit — I went from the meeting to my mothers to thank her for her noble act in hearty response to the suggestion of my brother Benjamin — who has my sincere thanks for his brotherly interest in the matter — and who by this proceeding has added to the just claims to the respectful and honorable estimation in the Com.ty which have always been accorded to him — After leaving my mother I went to the Cg House and applied myself to Cg Hse duties till late in the evg — I will here record my determination, in case the money is not refunded to my mother by Geo Howland, which many think will be the case, that my brothers heirs shall not, if I survive her, and have the ability, be the poorer for her Generous & Maternal offering — Edm.d Thomas as a small portion as D. R. Greene's this evg 4th 13th After making the pre Cg. mem.s of the doings of the Town Mg. I went to do my duty as the Institution for Savings as one of the Examiners of the doings of the Trus.s for the preceding week but on getting there found that Wm H Taylor had

at the ann. Mg. of the day previous been appointed to my place and that I had been made one of the Vice presidents — I then went to the Cg. Hse and was occupied through the day & evg in the state of my business and pecuniary obligations requiring my utmost attention.

5th. day 14th. Took an early breakfast and then went to the Cg. Hse, Bank &c. In the afternoon went to consult with several of the members of the family including my mother in regard to a loan to enable me to settle the last legacy due under my father's will. and in the evg. I was at a family party at my Bro. Benjamin's, where the recent public proceedings were a good deal discussed. The Rev. Mr. Ingersoll the Un. minister pro-tem and wife were there and the evg. passed pleasantly —

6th. day 15th. Devoted this day chiefly to business at the Cg. Hse & factory, after the morning which contrary to my practice for the last few months I spent in looking over the papers, to gain a slight idea of passing public events which the nature of my engagements for the year past has rarely allowed me to do. called at J Howland & Co's Cg House in the afternoon with reference to the accommodation which I have been in treaty for, in order to pay tomorrow the last legacy under my father's

Mill — at the Cg. House and factory in the W.S. making arrangements for moistening the air in the hot flue to temper the internal atmosphere to the nature of the business

7th day 16th. Having made the necessary preparations I set off about 10 Oclk for Fall River where I arrived about 1 and attended the Pocasset Meeting then in Session — Dined with the Compy. at M. H. Ruggles and after delivering to my niece the legacy of her grandfather I rode with Micah to the Pocasset buildings. and then availed of his horse and wagon to ride to a few places to avoid in so far the wading through the mud which covered their Street afterward walked to the Ledge and called at Alex Borden's but did not find him at home, made some examination of the Steam warming apparatus at the Quequechan Mill, and the elevating apparatus and stopped at a hardware shop to get a small article &c — and returned to my brothers to lodge — my Sister absent in Boston after making a visit in Salem to Aunt Dean

1st Day 17th Spent the morning in doing the writing which I had to do relating to my Fall River Wharf business, and set off for home at 10 Oclk taking with me little Lucy my niece's little charge to bring to this place on her way to her father in Rochester to attend the wedding of her Sister. a young girl of 18 — we arr. here at 4 Oclk — found Aunt Still much

unwell with his cold & others as well as usual unless it be Frank who thought himself enough unwell to be excused from attending meeting to day — I went in the e.g. to the Mtg. Baptist meeting and heard a lecture by Mr Babcock on the Evil Spirit — he having on the previous Sabbath e.g. given a discourse on the Creator Ruler of the Universe, a much more agreeable subject which I'd have been glad to hear

2. day 18th Spent the day in the duties and anxious cares of our Factory Concerns and my own private business, in the e.g. had some friends to visit us E. Ritchie & wife & Miss Almy Rev Mr. Ingersoll & wife, Rev. Mr. Nichols & wife, Rev. Mr. Prentiss, our niece Anna Roberson & bro Alfred Mr. Watson Mrs Eliot her sister Eliza & son & Chas Randall — Thomas was not well enough to be with the company — The Mtg appeared to be a pleasant one to the visitors, as it was to ourselves —

3d day 19th Spent the day and e.g. at the Factory and e.g. House. The Steam thrown into the hot air flue to day seems to promise all that can be desired in tempering the atmosphere to the occasions & the manufs — The operations of which have gone on very successfully to day — I was much engaged in making observations and devising some arrangements to secure the full

advantages of our plan. and it was midnight before I got home — Machen & Sister Ed. Fox and Ellen were at the Lyceum Lecture, a Poem by Park Benjamin — with which they were much pleased — Thos. Stile at home with his color —

4th day 20th. Spent the day with slight exception at the Office and Factory most of the forenoon and till near 4 in the afternoon in effecting a settlement of amounts with Dean & Moore for our Cotton Machinery — a considerable time was given to the factory with reference to the Warming apparatus. the excess of heat from the Chimney since the Steam has been thrown into the fire to moisten the heated air leaving been quite annoying in the Spinning Room, some simple arrangements for diffusing the heat in the lower room and for passing it off in the upper rooms being agreed — Thos. & Harrison who made the Iron Chimney was seen towards evg to see about the proposed additional boilers — he was much surprised at the success of my invention — which was generally believed to be a failure — for myself I was almost alarmed at the intensity of the heat, though I cannot imagine that there can be any danger while the circulation is kept up. as may very conveniently be done when the air tranks as is proposed, while in point of ventilation no

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other plan that has been practiced in woolen
mfg Factories in this country can approach to it
in efficiency and economy - Mr Chere H & Ed
visiting at Mr Ritchie's this evg - Mary had her
frd Eliza Perry & our sweet little Ellen her frd Sarah
Hussey at tea

5th day 21st At the Bank. C.H. & Fe and Factory most
of the day & evg - To day D. Read's family had the very
distressing intelligence of the death of their daughter Eliz.
at Mr Abbotts School in Newyork, The first news of
her sickness having been rec'd last evg - by some unac-
countable failure of the mails or omission in some quarter
three letters written on different days were now rec'd at
the same time - The family are of course overwhelmed
with Grief - and we sympathise perhaps more strongly
that our dear Susan was her School room mate
Ma chere H. feels very acutely on her account. and from
the fact that although with 14 hours intelligence we
scarcely
not of alarm reached the Dr family till the ap-
palling event was announced although she was sick a
week. Our Edmund left us for Newyork this after-
noon on acct of his Sister and to bring her back
with him if she wishes to come Ma chere H.
has been several times at the Dr House to day
and accompied her on her last call this evg -
having come from the C.H. House for that pur-
pose - to which place I returned afterwards
and finished the evg -

6th day 22d. At the C.J. Hse rather later than usual having stopped a little after an early breakfast to look at the News, which very rarely done of late — On the arrival of the Cars I had a call from Thurston & Greene of Providence who came at my request to see the deficiency of our Steam Engine for the work we have to do and to devise the best mode increasing the power — and I with Mr. Snell were with them in and about the Establishment till the departure of the Cars in the afternoon. Personal attention to the Factory till the close of the Factory day 7½ Oclk and for an hour later, when I went to the C.J. room and was writing till 12 Oclk — We had a sweet melancholy letter from our dearest Sue on the sudden death of her School mate & friend

7th day 23d Occupied at the C.J. Hse most of the day and eve — and till late at night — the men were engaged at night in putting up an expansion Section to the main Steam pipe to prevent the effect of its variation of length by the Changes of temperature, which has made it impossible to keep the joints tight — Mr. Abbott arrived this morning with the mortal remains of his interesting young pupil Eliz. Read — he was able to give great comfort to the bereaved family — by the account which he could give of kind professional

and pious care of which She, the beloved of the family and School, was the subject during her illness. and of the grateful attentions which were bestowed on the remains till lodged under the roof where She went out so recently full of life & hope the darling of her parents to gain in Mr. Abbotts School the finishing touches of her juvenile education — a striking lesson of the uncertainty of human hopes and of the frailty of our being — Mr. A called here — and took the Cars this afternoon on his return — We hear from Edw: who finds his Sister well but not inclined to return

1st day 24th Went before mg to Dr Reeds and saw the beautiful remains of Eliz. Reed — from thence went to the R.R. Depot to get the trunks &c which were left there yesterday — and which had been overlooked in the absorbing incidents of yesterday — Stopped on my return as it was past the mg hour and heard the longer portion of the Religious exercises at the north Methodist Mg. — afternoon at the Episcopal Church — eg called again for a few minutes at Dr Reeds, and saw Mr. R who seemed calm and comforted — C. N.

Morgan and his daughter called here after meeting. D. Spooner was called to see Thot this afternoon 2 day 25th Went early to the Cg. House - attended the Bank Directors Mg - and devoted the remainder of the forenoon to the factory & Cg. House afternoon at the funeral of D. Read's daughter which was unusually large and Solemn - the services were performed chiefly by Mr. Prentis - D. Babcock read some passages from the bible - Our Frank by request of the family was one of the Pall bearers. The coffin was placed in the vault of Mr. Cushing. Lake the Oak Grove Cemetary probably preparatory to the interment in a Spot to be hereafter selected - Mr. Wm Russell rode withus - I was at the Store in the eg -

3d day 26th made a call at C H. Morgans to see him before he left for Boston and devoted the day to the cares and duties of the Cg. House and factory, which occupied me till late in the eg - after return J. from the funeral yesterday I readjusted my thermometers which have been so long in Boston to have the broken tube replaced for my meteorological observations, taking down the imperfect instruments which I have been obliged in the interim to use. Ed. was expected to day but a letter from him informed us that

he had concluded to wait one day for the Steam
boat Massachusetts
4th. day 27th. At the C.H. & at business else-
where through the day and evg. excepting the
time required at home to average two of my
meteorological monthly records — had occa-
sion to see Lawrence Grinnell, and as he was
unwell I went to his house. The Factory be-
ing under pretty good way I have not been
within its walls to day though attending to its
concerns as much as was consistent with my
own affairs. Our Ed.d did not arrive to dy,
his uncle Henry having discouraged him on ac-
count of the weather, which however proved
not unfavorable — Thos. seems to be getting
well again, and hopes to be out to morrow
but the change to very cold weather I think
may prevent his realizing his wishes
5th. day 28th. At the C.H. House after a very
early breakfast — then at the Bank
Directors meeting — and learned that one
of the clerks was a defaulter. a person
whom I should have thought as little
liable to the vicious practices which
have led to it as almost any one —
rem.d of the day chiefly devoted to the
usual duties of my own C.H. House —
where I was late in the evg — Our son

Edmund arr. to day in good health has left his Sister well and contented. Thos continues to improve and I hope he will soon be able to resume his duties as Mr. of the Factory —

6th day 29th Went early to the Q.M. room where I was employed most of the time till dinner — had Mother and Sister Eliza to dine with us, and I remained with them till Sunset when I returned to the Store and Spent the eve. by Mother & Sister were prevented by rain from going to my Uncle Williams' where they were engaged to tea, and by its continuance from going to their own home at the close of the eve they accordingly remain with us to night — Mother seems very well and enjoys life without the usual alloys of old age — we are very glad to have her visit thus protracted.

7th day 30th Confined myself to my business at the Q.M. House nearly the whole day & eve — a part of the time I spent in preparing my Meteorological notes for the 3 months of last year to send to Washington to complete my report for the year. I having been written to by Jos. Grinnell in behalf of the U.S. Coast Survey for copies of the same from Dec. 12 to 11 mo. 12 '46 — I sent to him the 5 Copies for 3 mos requesting him to dispose them in the

paper Office and to refer thither the persons as whose request he wrote to me. Mother remained with us through the day - to our great satisfaction though my engagements permitted me to see her only at dinner —

1st day 31 — Went with ma chere Hy to the South Cong.l Church in the forenoon, to hear Mr. Prentiss — But he was absent from town and his pulpit supplied by a young man from whom I did not expect much, but the Sermon and prayers were both excellent and showed I thought talent as well as sound views of the christian character as well as great fluency of expression. At the close of the service I learned with much surprise that it was John Holmes the Son of the Rev. Sylvester. I was not before aware that he was a young man of so much promise. I walked to the factory in the afternoon & stopped on my return to attend the funeral service over the remains of Nathaniel Cannon who died on 6th day eve.g after a few days illness — I was at the Episcopal church in the afternoon and at home in the eve.g — The latter part of which was spent in writing a letter to my Cousin Benj.n Rotch relative to a patent there for our factory Chimney &c

Brother Benj.a was here, but I could be with him but a few minutes.

2d. day 2 Mo. 1 — At the Bank Directors mg and afterward occupied at the Cg House through the day & Evg —

3d. day 2d. Spent the day and evg chiefly at the Cg. Hse — Thos has been at the Fact.y Cg Hse to day & yesterday — he is yet considerably hoarse. I engaged Edw.d O'Connell to day to come and live with me in place of Mich.l McCarthy whose want of truth fidelity & respect, has made it necessary to change.

4th. day 3d. Spent the day and evg. Chiefly at the Cg. Hse. in the afternoon made a call at Mothers and Spent some time in consultation about the construction of a whale oil lamp on a plan which I had tried with success. I noticed the current of air in the hot flue at the Factory at 176 which is higher than I had before observed it the air trunks being now continued to the dressing room in the attic. The heat can be received or shut off from the lower rooms at pleasure.

5th. day 4th. With the exception of the Bank Directors mg. I have been busily engaged at the Cg Hse through the day and evg. We had the misfortune

to break the pump rod which supplies the boilers at the Factory which caused the machinery to stop about 2 hours — Any of the duties are so pressing that I have not once been in the main building to day & but a very few times for a week 6th day 5th Engaged at the C.J. house most of the day — the latter portion of the time in preparing the books & Accounts of the Rotch whf. boy for the Annual meeting of the Corporation which will be held in due Course tomorrow

4th day 6th At the C.J. the most of the day completing my acct. for the Rotch whf. mg. in the forenoon &c — In the afternoon attended said mg. and was occupied till evg. in writing up the records — In the early stage of which I had a call from Wm. C. Burdon of New York Steam Engine builder with a letter of introduction from Barrow & Prior Invited with him to the Factory and to see the Engine & Machinery and to get his suggestions relative to a change which we think it necessary to make — which examination & consultation occupied us including N.G. Snell till before we were aware of it — it was mid-night

1st day 7th Having no papers to prepare for distribution. I was up less early than I N. otherwise I have been. I called at the Parker House

to take Mr Burdon to hear Mr Prentiss who gave a very good discourse on a comparison of the natural with the Spiritual life, and alluded in the prayers to the recent affliction in D K's family — a similar bereave[t] having within the last week occurred in his own by the death of a Sister at Portland — after mg. had a consultation with some of the other Stockholders in the factory relative to a more powerful Engine — In the afternoon I was at Friends Meeting — evg at home — and retired early

2[d] day 8[th] Went early to the factory to see Mr Burdon by appointment but was too late to see him there — I then contin[d] my walk to the depot and had some conv[n] with him — thence to the S[th] part of the Town to give notice to Ed[d] O'Connell that his services were now wanted — dinn[r] of the day & evg. at the Cg Hse

3[d] day 9[th] Spent the day and evg. at the Cg. Hse of the St[m] mill Cof. except part of the afternoon at the Mg called to take measures for aiding the efforts now to some extent in progress to relieve the starving peasantry of Ireland from the famine which now prevails there to an appalling extent, and which cut them off by thousands if not by mil

tions if Speedy relief is not extended to them from more favored lands and especially from our country so abundantly blessed with the necessaries and comforts of life. Thus we have the power to contribute with small inconvenience to ourselves to the preservation of the lives of multitudes of our fellow creatures. The meeting was not large - the notice having been short but a Com.e of 14 were appointed to make collections from our Citizens and transmit the am.t in provisions in such way as their discretion might direct.

4th. day 10th At the Factory Cg. Hse before 9 Oclk the hour of meeting of the Com.e for the Relief of the Irish, which was held at the Inst.n for Savings and occupied me till past 1 Oclk. when I went to my Cg Hse to write for the mail - after dinner went again to the Fact.y Cg. Hse and staid till late at night. There has been some dissatisfaction among the operatives in the weaving room which threatens to be serious - Several having left & others liable to leave - They do not like the overseer - but the grounds of the dislike do not seem to warrant any immediate change

5th day 11th After an early breakfast, before the family at usual I went to the Cg Hse, and to the Bank Directors Mtg — At the meeting the report of the Comtee was made who appointed (the Pres. & 2 others) to examine the State of the bank to ascertain the amt of defalcation which the Inst had suffered from the delinquency of the Clerk Southard Potter Son of the late Stephen — the amt was ascertained to be about 1700 Dollars — I devoted the remr of the day and evg to factory concerns chiefly bringing up the books &c — The rather formidable combination which existed yesterday threatened to vacate our Weavg room by the tasks of the Superintendant, and the discharge of a few of the instigators appears to be at an end — The Sewing circle of the Episcopal Church of which Sister Phebe is a member met at our house this afternoon

6th day Occupied with slight intermission at the Cg Hse of the St Mc Mill Co in bringing up the books of the Corporation which are in arrear partly in consequence of Thos late indisposition who is not yet on fair as all his duties as Clk — Not found to day that there were leaks in two of the boilers we compelled us to stop the factory as it was found impossible to keep up the Steam — we took the most prompt ation to remedy the defects —

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By appointment I was to devote this afternoon to soliciting Subscriptions in the district to which I was assigned for the benefit of the Irish Sufferers — but on calling on T.A. Greene who was one of my associates in the Service, I found that the district which was small had been thoroughly canvassed by him and our other associate Ch.M Kaffard, leaving only some calls to be repeated, as the persons were out of town. I therefore soon returned, after making a call or two on the Academy business and making some enquiries about a new, which Oil lamp which I have invented, to my Cg. House duties — late in the evg I called at bro.r Andr.s, where was a family party, to see Sister Lydia who has been here a day or two, and to accompany my wife & sister home who were of the Comp.y — on getting home completed my book ~~by the day 12th~~ duties of the day by writing a deferred letter — 7.th day 13.th — I have been closely engaged with Cg House duties (for the factory) all the day & evg except the time taken to see T.A Greene &c as mentioned in the note under date of yesterday (written to day) which by a slight anachronism was placed one day in arrear. —

We were not able to enlist the services of the boiler makers from Fall River till this evg — owing their engagement on another job here, but they work

to work for us early in the ev.g and expect to get the job done in time for us to start the mill again on 2d. day — next
1st. day 14th. Attended Friends meeting in the forenoon, and in the afternoon at the Episcopal Ch.d — One inducement in the latter case was the expectation of seeing some of the religious services performed by a colored clergyman who was there in the forenoon, but in this I was disappointed —
In the ev.g I went to Liberty Hall to heen Wm. L. Garrison on Anti Slavery and the proceedings of the Evangelical Alliance in London last year. which were a signal failure with reference to the expectations which had been indulged & chiefly so through the Slavery influence which was exerted through the delegation from this country — after the lecture I went to mothers and then called at Mathers — afterwards at A. Roberson's to see W. L. G. who is their guest — Jo. Green & wife was also there —
2d. day 15th. Spent an hour or more in relation to the subscriptions for the Fair, completing the duty assigned me — I was at the Bank Director's mg and at the Town Treas.r Office to pay my tax long deferred for the absorption of my means by the pressing claims of the Factory. afterward devoted myself to the business of the latter concern through the day & ev.g, excepting the time taken to hear

27 Wm L. Garrisons Lecture at the Lecture assoc.n on Free Speech and free enquiry which struck me as very able and very interesting — at the close of the Lecture I was at the Office of the St. mill Co.y till about mid night —

3.d day 16th Occupied with very slight exceptions at the Office of the factory through this day & ev.g

4th. day 17th Spent the day as yesterday except that I spent a short time at the meet.g of the Comm.e for the Relief of the Irish. the am.t Col. lected in this place & Fairhaven is about 3400 Dollars which will be sent forward by the Sub Com.e of W.m James Arnold is Ch.n in the most prompt and effective manner Ma chere H had a fall as she was going into the Street to walk to mothers wch occasions her some pain and inconvenience by the shock. the ice & Snow of yesterday made the foot hold more treacherous than the bare ways awaw.

5th. day 18th Devoted myself with little intermission to the concerns of the Factory supplying the omissions in booking the accounts arising from the inexperience and late absence from ill health of the Clerk. in the ev.g an exam.n of the valves of the steam Cylinders was made, and three of one of them was found out of place, they had been altered by Mr. Turner who thought that he could make an improvem.t — in which he failed — but

the increased qty of Coal consumed after his trial of his Skill was probably in part occasioned by some movement of one of the Valves in the action of the engine -

6th. Day 19th Engaged most of the day at the Fact. Cg. Room. semi at my own. In the ev I was at home my wife having a party of the 4 Misses Norton Mrs & Mrs. Atkinson Sisters Lydia & Eliza Wm & Sarah Coffin Sarah. Jos & Fanny Pitchers Son & Dr - which was quite a pleasant apparently to the visitors as well as visited -

7th day 20th Devoted myself to the business of the Factory Cg. Hse. through the day with slight Exception and till very late at night with reference in part to leaving home for a few days on Fact. business on 2d. day next. The work at the Fac. was stopped at noon ascertain the cause of the unsatisfactory working of the Engine and great consumption of fuel, which we think we have found in the wrong position of one of the Valves and the state of the pistons which did not admit of tightening. the packing - the men were at work till past midnight and I stopped to see the Engine Started after the defects were remedied - My late absence induced me Chen H to send Thos to see after me, who was nearly as late in an ev Call at Walter Mitchells room

1st Day 21st Attended Meetings at Friends House of Worship - which were small on acct. of the Snow

at the close of that in the afternoon. I was obliged to go to the Fact.y C.y House to make preparation for leaving home on the morrow, if the State of the roads from the Snow should not detain me — where I passed the evening 2d day 22d At the Bk. Directors Mg. and afterward at the C.y House to put my own business in a State to be left. the Snow Storm continuing so as to prevent our going to Boston &c as A.G. Smith & myself had proposed — I was at the C.y House till very late in the evening — The depth of Snow I Mr think is about 9 in. on the average & not much drifted.

3d day 23d Assiduously occupied through the day and till very late in the evening endeavoring to get my accts & those of the Steam Mill Co.y in order preparatory to my leaving home for Boston & Newyork to-morrow —.

4th. day 24th. Left. in the Cars at 7¼ A.M for Boston. A.G. Smith left with me to take the route to Providence and make his enquiries there, while I did the same in Boston I stopped at the Marlborough Hotel, called at Abbey Patterson & Co. walked with B.S. Rotch to the Navy Yard to see one of Ota's Fact.y Steam Engines, thence to his Office in had considerable conversation respecting Engines, thence to his foundry and machine shop at East Boston, thence to the Prov.ce Depot via the Marlborough Hotel at 5 P.M to go to Newyork via Stonington — met A.G. Smith at the Steam Boat who had made the requisite enquiries at Providence — Started in the train for Stonington and left the latter

place in the Steamboat Governor at the usual hour for Newyork with the prospect of a fine clear and calm night — I soon retired to my berth and on rising the morning (5th day 25th.) found the Wind N E & a light Snow falling — we arrived about 7 O Clk at the Wharf — and as our business was first in the Eastern part of the City, and I knew I could hear of an Temp. hotel in that part of the City, on the suggestion of the Seamens Home, the large Establishment in Cherry St. erected within a few years by the Am. Seamens Friend Soc. by one of the Passengers — as I had long had an inclination to see that institution which has already proved of great use in elevating the character of Seamen and promises to be a most efficient means as it becomes known and justly appreciated by the public to that class of our fellow men I proposed to R.G. Snell that we should stop there — and we accordingly did so — after breakfast we went to Brooklyn I first calling at Mr. Abbotts Schl in Houston St to see our daughter Susan whom I found very well and happy — her appearance of improved health quite striking in her countenance — We did not see Mr. Burden at Brooklyn as we expected to do, but had an opp.y to inspect his work at his establishment — R.G. Snell more thoroughly than myself because he was there an hour or more before me — or less — but returned to Newyork and then I met in passing Mr B and promised to call at his place again; then went to Wall Street and over at Barrow & Prior's and several other places — and in different parts of the City making enquiries relative to the Combustion of Chestnut Size Coal

& and finished our days work at the Phenix Foundry by Hogg & Delamater, with whom he made an appoint. to see him again on the morrow — thence to our Stopping Place and after a late tea I thought it best to remain there through the night rather than to leave my two Comp. and go as was my intention to my bro. in Law H.H. Barnes to lodge. as we wished to pursue our business again early in the morng —. After some conversation with Capt. Richardson the Keeper of the Hall and President of the Society at his private room we attended the family devotions and retired to rest.

6th. day 9th. After the devotional Exercises and breakfast we went to Several Steam Engine establishments in the Eastern part of the City finishing at the Secors of the Fulton Foundry — when A.G.S. repeated his visit to Brooklyn and I went to see my D. daughter again at the School, and after taking leave of her and her room mates Hannah Perry & Eliz Hussey I called at Cousin Hannah Walkers and bro. Henrys house in E. B'klyn and Monroe St. there to settle at our lodgings and finish our business in the Middle St. which occupied the time till the hour of leaving for the Eastern St. Boat — which leav. our home earlier than I supposed we not permit us to fulfil our engagement at the Phenix Foundry — I therefore wrote a note to explain the omission and request that he would let me hear from him by mail at N.B. — I failed also to see Josiah W.P.

Lewis to exhibit and explain to him my Model of a Chimney — I therefore set it up in Bost. Office and wrote a note requesting him to call and examine it — then took leave of my br. and Sr. Henry and went onboard the Steamboat Mass.tts for Stonington &c — found Mr. G. E. Pope onboard who was with us in our forward passage — after a good Supper for which our omission of dinner had well prepared us — we retired early to our berths to prepare for an early start in the Cars for Providence —

7.th day 27.th About 1 O'Clk. we were aroused onboard the St.r boat to prepare for landing and we were at Providence about 6 O'Clk — He A.G. Small left me to see again Thurston Greene &co. and took the route to Fall River to see the Engine of the Iron Works Co.y and to see the boiler maker about our boilers — as well as after my own private business — went to my Sisters to breakfast and found her & Micah about Start.g for Newport in consequence of intelligence rec.d of the Sudden death of Nathaniel Ruggles last ev.g — I spent the day till the departure of the Cars at 5 O'Clk. chiefly at the Office of the Pocasset Co.y in adjusting settlements with my workmen for the past two months — I found that T. H. H. had left F. River for N. Bedford a short time before my arrival — I made an exam.n of the Engine & furnace of the Iron Works Co.y mill, and left. for home, a violent rain and S.E. Gale prevailed in the afternoon

and evg - which is rapidly dissolving the Snow which has been perhaps 15 In. average depth on the ground — My hat fell from the Car as we left Staunton in the Morg - and was afterward indebted to my fellow Passenger W.G.E. Pope for the use of his Oil Cloth Cap for the rem.r of the day - found the family well except Mary who seems to have taken a cold in my absence. Thus a hasty trip has been made and I am safely at home again. may I be grateful for this continuance of the protecting Care of a Kind Overruling Providence —

1st day 28th. Attended meeting at Friends' place of worship, made a call at Mothers and passed the rem.r of the day at home

2d day 3 mo. 1 — Went to the Bank and devoted the rem.r of the day to the concerns of the Cg. Ho and Factory and was as usual detained in the evg — had a call from B. S. Rotch

3d day 2 — Devoted my time chiefly to business at my own Cg Ho. a failure of the little Engine obliged us to stop the Mill, and it will probably be some days before other arrangements can be made to run, or the repairs of the small Engine effected —

4th day 3d. Engaged at the Cg House chiefly thro' the day and evg till 8 Oclk when I went to join my family in their visit at Chs W. Morgans. which

we had to ourselves – all of the family except Mary who has been more unwell for the last 4 days, and mostly confined above Stairs – their daughter Emily being the only other Company –

5th day 4th Occupied with my own accounts at my office Chiefly – the Factory Stopped by the failure of the Steam Engine – attended at the Bank Directors meeting at the usual hour –

6th day 5th Engaged as for the last few days at my Counting Room Chiefly – Information from Newyork induced the departure of N.G. Snell this afternoon to make a contract for a Steam Engine. This throws the care of the external concerns also of the family on me & Thos – at the Post Office late & late in the day

7th day 6th at the Post Office early – at the Town Meeting on the City Charter remonstrance and Bill – the subject indefinitely postponed as was the wish of the judicious part of the County – rest of the day at the Factory & Office – The men from Fall River put the Shields on the interior of the boilers to prevent the water passing over with the Steam – other arrangements for running in forwardness, Steam goes up in the evg. to try the new gear for supplying the Boilers – which I think will answer the intended end – Thos & myself on the Factory ans[t] late midnight

1st day 7 Attended Meeting at my usual place of worship - called between meetings at the Factory where the work of preparation to run the Mill to-morrow, was going on, also at Brothers - Had D. Read to see Mary late in the afternoon. She being still Chiefly confined to her room - In the ev. attended the Mtg to hear D. Edwards or Prof. Edwards on the objects of the Sabbath Union - machen H. having passed the ev. with Wm. Reed I called there at its Close - The poignancy of the Grief of the Family has measurably Subsided under the influence of Religious Faith and the consolations which it Supplies both with reference to the departed Child & Sister & to themselves -

2d. day 8th. Went early to the Factory - and found that some changes was required to give more Speed to the pumps for Supplying the boilers which were not fully accomplished till Some time in the afternoon when the operations of the Factory were re-commenced - I was at the Bank Directors Mtg - and very late at the Ch. House -

3d. day 9th. Went early to the R.R. Depot to promote the wishes of our Fireman to get his family brot. out to him from England & returned to breakfast with the family which I do not often. Capt. A.G. Snell has returned having made a contract

for a new Engine for the Factory with Hoggs & Delamater — to be done by the 1st of May — The Fact[y] has gone on tolerably to day and I hope we shall have no more interruptions till the new Engine will be ready — Returned home at 10 Oclk — I called in the forenoon at W[m] W. Swains, Aunt Mercy's & my mothers as Treas[r] of the Hotel Whf Co[y]—

4th day 10th. After some occupation at home I went to the Factory where I found Mr. Hogg of the firm in New York who are to build our new Engine — and the whole time till the Start[g] of the afternoon train in which he returned was spent with him & Mr. Gull in exam[n] & consultation with reference to the job — and remodelling the Boiler establishment — We accompanied him to the Cars and after din[g] I returned to the Fact[y] — where I remained through the ev[g]—

5th day 11th. Occupied chiefly at the C.J. Hot[l] & Factory through the day — ev[g] at home — Mother & Sister Eliza being with us at tea —

6th day 12th. Occupied through the day at the Factory C.J. House and till late in the ev[g]—

7th day 13th. Engaged as yesterday at the Fact[y] C.J. House — and till late in the ev[g]—

1st Day 14th. Attended Mtg at Friends House. and spent the rest of the day at home. Geo Harvey called for some time at the close of our 1st Mtg. The others of the family chiefly at the Episcopal Service — Mary's Cold is better. but not wholly passed off — Read D'Aubigne's Hist of the Reformation with interest.

2d day 15 At the Bank Directors Mtg — at the usual hour afterwards at the Factry & Cg Hse through the day & Evg — A.G. Small and Geo Harvey went to day to N.Y. to decide about Boilers for our establishment & the pecuniary relations of which give me great uneasiness

3d day 16th At H. Roberson's. took an early breakfast with him while conversg about the Bellevue Estate, the tenants being expected to day from Newport to renew the lease. The day & evg devoted to Factory Concerns. wch involved a call from at D Kolbe's House in the evg — The absence of A.G. Small from home obliged me to be at the Factry so late that I was obliged to forego a participation in the Visit of Mr. & Mrs Wheeler to our family in the Evg of yesterday. Hazard & Armstrong did not come to day as was expected

4th day 17 The Factory occupied my mind through the day & evg. the external oversight

as well as the C.G. House duties and financial concerns devolving on me in the absence of A.G. Snell as usual. I returned home late

5th. day 18th. At the Office and Bank Mg. which was a little anticipated on acct. of the Town Mg. to act on the acceptance of the City Charter - Factory business engaged my attention this the day & my own C.G. the business in the evg. - A.G. Snell returned from New York to day, and reported the progress in relation to Steam boilers &c which is satisfactory, a decision being deferred till the arrival of Geo. Hussey tomorrow. The Town adopted the Charter by a good majority nearly 350 - which is very satisfactory

6th. day 19th At the Factory & through the day. Geo Hussey arrived this morng. and after a full consideration of the subject the terms for the boilers of Hoggs & Delamater were accepted - and I gave them notice accordingly - I was at home in the evg. we having mother and a family party at tea. which included Andr & Mary Robeson from Fall River the latter being now on a visit at Bro's & before going into occupation into their own house which is nearly ready for their reception. all your brothers & Sisters with their branches who are in Town were here together with Aunt Nancy S.G. Morgan & Anna Drinker.

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7th. day 20th Engaged at the C.J. House through the day & Evg. on the Factory accounts and business, where I intend as a Catchman
1st. day 21st. Attended meeting as usual at Friends' place of Worship. My reading the bible and D'Aubigne's Hist. of the Reformation — Called to see my mother in the evg.
2d. day 22d. At the C.J. House on my own accounts most of the day. Attended at the Meeting of Bank Directors, at which a little of the hostile feelings of the Pres't. towards me was manifested — Rec'd. to day an answer from my Cousin Benj. Nicholson London to my letter respecting my patent for the Chimney which is encouraging as to its value Closed the afternoon and evg. to the business of the Belle Vue House, the tenants being here with also Mr. Armstrong to review the case — met with the young men & A. Roberson at the Office of my Uncle William in the evg — after which I prepared the books to be completed in the morning
3. day 23 Rose early and called at the lodgings of our friends from Newport and there com-

elated the documents for another term of three years. They are not encouraged with the prospect of business and we were obliged to make rent 8% conditional, on their ability to pay from the business of the Season — I devoted myself to my Cg. house business through the day and evg — The prospects of the 3d Mill Cg. which involves deeply my own, causes me great anxiety — Large payments coming due with no visible Means to meet them.

4th day 24th Engaged assiduously at the Cg House through the day financial anxieties making the labor less tolerable than it Wd. Otherwise have been I was there till quite late in the evg. thus has passed my 55th birth day, probably the most alloyed with with these canking cares than was any preceding one — This is the opposite of what I could earlier have anticipated and earnestly hoped — and arises from the heavy responsibility resting on me from my Connection with the Factory — The success of which will probably be proved with a good degree of confidence in the course of another year, in the mean time I must use my best exertions trusting in the Divine Blessing for a favorable issue — With Domestic ties of a highly auspicious character; without them how alloy to our happiness we might be too forgetful of

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the foundation of happiness which alone is sure — may be improved in this aspect, duly and wisely the modified adversity which falls to our lot — I see some touching memorials of affection from my dear wife and our darling Ellen — which will be fondly cherished

5th day 25th At the Bank Directors mg. in the morng. and employed at the Cg House through the day & Evg on my own private affairs had a call from Rodney French on the subject of letting the East end of my Office Store for a grocery ~~for~~ some young men with or for whom he is interested — I spoke to him about being Wharfinger & agreed for the Store for one year at least at $150 —

6th day 26th Devoted the day to Cg. Hse duties chiefly, after having spent some time in financial arrangements for the Factory in the morng & forenoon — a violent S E storm in the evg made the home walk unpleasant — and must have been particularly disagreeable for the company at the preposterous "Military Ball" in this so styled "Christian!" land — which has again been repeated to the scandal as I think our good town of "Friendly" history — I am thankful that none of my family were

present — as I passed I observed that the temporary shelter erected to protect the ladies as they passed from the Carriages to the entrance of the Town Hall was demolished by the gale —

7th. day 27th. Busily employed at the Cg. House through the day and was detained there till very late in the eveng —

1st. day 28 Attended Meetings as usual and passed the day otherwise at home — principally in reading D'Aubigne's Hist. of the Reformation — a delightful respite from the cares & anxieties which bear so heavily on me through the week

2d. day 29 Rose early and went to the Factory Cg. House where I was employed all of the day without going home to my meals in preparing to make an exhibit of the St. Mill Concerns at the adjt. of the annual mg. this evg — for which nevertheless I was unable to get prepared — The mg. not being attended by the Clerk as was concluded to adjourn the mg. for a week — but I was instructed to order of Wm. Mason Esq of Taunton the additional machinery necessary to fill the mill — The State of the business of the mill was anything but Satisfactory — I was at the Office till mid

3d day 30th. Assiduously occupied through the day at the Office of the Factory & preparing to leave home tomorrow for Boston to send my model of our Fact. Chimney to England and to try to make some financial arrangements for the relief of the St. Mill Co.

4th day 31st Left home in the Cars in the M. and ar.d in Boston at the usual hour drove to the N.E. House with my model to be at a convent. distance from the Steam in which it was to go forward I spent all of time till dinner in writing a further explanation of the invention — I then proceeded to the Office of the Agent of the Hibernia and there found that Hamdens Express was the proper Channel thro' which to forward it — I then took it to the Express Office and sought the Office of the B. Consul to get my Signature & Papers authenticated. I was unfortunately too late to see him till he returned from Dinner which made it too late for me to go home this ev.g as I propose — I do not regret it as it gave me an opp.y to see our Agents for the Sale of our Goods and to write a letter to my Cousin B.K. Rotch which I may

left leisurely after 9 a.m. in New Bedford —
I had a long interview with 3 of the partners of
A. P. & Co. firm, who evinced the best disposi-
tion but were not able to give any direct
aid in addition to what they had before done
— but without much hope of success they would
enquire among the Sav. Institutions and Ins. Co's —
3d. day 4 m. 1 — left Boston at 7 3/4 A.M.
and ar. at this place about 1/2 past 10 —
went to the Cg. room and was engaged
till the hour of closing the mail — then
came to Greg's my family who I found from
Thos. & Edd were as when I left — afternoon
do. engaged at the Cg House — found
Mr. & Mrs. Wilder making a call when I
returned — attended also as family by the
beautifully clear winter sky & air though
it be the 1st. of Apl —
6th. day 2d. Occupied at the Cg. House ex-
amining the work of Professor Johnson on the
value and efficiency of the American Coals
— and the description of the apparatus and
setting of the Steam boiler used in his very
numerous and scientific experiments —
this investigation detained me till late at
night — and I have gained some idea wh

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I think may be contributes to the perfection of our new Steam arrangements

by the day 3d Spent the day Chiefly at my own C.J. House — in attention to my own account with which I was detained till late having given a part of the afternoon to the business of the Factory in consultation partly with C. S. Tompkins relative to my notions about setting the boilers & an exam.n of the Factory with reference to the filling of the rooms with machinery which are now partially empty

1st day 4th Went to meet as usual — called on Dr. Hardy's N. Roberson's Gw. M Bunkers & mothers — saw at N Robinsons Capt Mc Clure who arr. to day in the Rosco with a good voyage but not a full Ship — left at home — poorly in Mary's room who has been more unwell for the last few days

2. day 5th Spent the day Chiefly in attend to business on my own C.J. House. Though a considerable part of the time had reference to the C.V. affairs I was at the Bank Directors mg — and at the Town mg for the choice of C.J. Commissioners — and in the a.J. we had a mg of the St. Mill C.J. at

the Co.y Office — when the anl appointment of Officers was made — and an exhibit of the State of the Concern presented which was very far from Satisfactory Showg. a very large present indebtedness, as well as large prospective engagements for filling up the mill — the only Course from which ultimate relief Can be expected being to put things in a proper footing, if it be possible to meet the expense, a point on which great anxiety is felt. — All of the Members were present except one. — The fact is that our Subscription are altog. inadequate to the enterprise $200.000 being the least that will be required to put every thing in an easy position, whereas the actual am.t $ is but 65.500. — If the means could be commanded I should not be discouraged, but if they cannot the issue is to be dreaded — May the blessing of a kind Providence Shield us from the evil which seems impending.

3.d day 6.th Devoted myself to the Concerns of the Factory, examining & verifying the books of the Concern — by the usual means of a Sheet — I began the latter this afternoon — Women assisting — had a call from Mr.s B Palmer and her Son. Geo. H Palmer. to transfer the Stock of the former to the latter

the chibit. Last evg having alarmed him and as his health is not good he thot it best to remove himself from this cause of anxiety and excitement — We retired rather early (for me) in the evg from the Cg House some lightning on the way home

4th day 7th Chiefly at work to day on the balance of the books. A slight error being proved by the Sheet Ledger, which I was not able to detect though I worked late — We retired about half past 9 — as which time and later there was a splendid aurora, such as is very rarely seen — a luminous arch spanned the celestial vault from a little S of E. to W. & NW passing a little north of the Zenith — the northern sky most illuminated sending up streams of light — when I retired home about 12 its brilliancy had considerably subsided

5th day 8th This is a holyday at the factory. The Annual Fast, but I was obliged to pursue my labors on the Cg books — for which the quietude was favorable not being able to find the error. I made a new Sheet Ledger after dinner completing it about 11 Oclk when the error was

revealed — and proved as is apt to be the case a mistake in add.ⁿ on the last, and unfinished page — which being so simple to rectify appears only case of the kind — ~~kind~~ was overlooked in the repeated laborious review of all previous pages of error. till at the close of the new sheet ledger it passed under review and attention, and the work was done — I performed the labor to day alone — Mrs Chase H. went to the Poor House to day with Miss Eliza to see her old partner Miss Fuller & others with whom she had on former visits to W.ᵗ Parish become acquainted — This is her first visit to the new Alms House with which she was much pleased

6.ᵗʰ day Went early to the C.ʃ House and was busily occupied there through the day with the business of the S. M. C.ʃ — somewhat troubled by a pain in my left side near the shoulder — probably arising from a straining of the muscles in recovering from a slip yesterday together with the action in that region in making my 2.ᵈ sheet ledger yesterday afternoon & C.ʃ — — Mother took tea with us and I spent the C.ʃ at home with her & Sister Eliza —

7.ᵗʰ day 10.ᵗʰ Occupied all day with the auᵈ.ᵗ of the Fam.ʃ. Thos. with me late in the C.ʃ — —

Went in the evg to the first Ward meet'g of No. 4 at the Washingtonian Hall — It was fully attended and the business soon despatched satisfactorily — Seeing delegates who will endeavor to put in nomination for the Mayoralty a person qualified for its duties —

1st day 11. Attended mtgs. as usual and passed the Remr. of the day in reading &c at home except that I called with Mother H at Sister Sarah's to enquire after Isabel &c — She seems to be very much unwell does not give her mother great uneasiness — great weakness and debility without other symptoms of disease — confined to her bed &c — Geo Hussey called in at the close of the Mtg

2d. day 12th. Called early at Jos Isbers to see I. S. Smith before he left town to attend the Pocasset Mg. and then to my brief business at Fall River — left in the Cars — and dined at Sister Lyon's — got home at 7 Oclk and passed the evg at my Cg Hse. Fast'g. duties —

3d. day 13th Spent the forenoon chiefly with I. S. Smith — on the subject of the Buffalo Warehouse &c — Indeed with us and I spent the afternoon chiefly at the Factory — evg at the Cg Hse, when I was detained late in writing probably my last letter to the Refugees in

my Controversy with Geo. Howland &. having been called upon by One of the Mg. Comte some days since to know whether I wd comply with the award of the Referees. I told him (Wm. P. Howland) yes — as soon as I ascertained what their final judgment was as I had no answer to my communications to them in relation to the award which I had returned immediately on receipt many months ago —

4th day 14th Remained at home till after breakfast and then went on a disagreeable mission to see if I could by an exhibition of my statements induce some of the prominent men of our Town to take an interest in our Cotton Mill — I called on Jas. Arnold & on E. M. Robinson and Thos Mandell Alex. Gibbs Edw. C. Jones. David R. Greene — Abm Barker & Jos. Grinnell — But I had no positive success. two or three spoke somewhat encouraging but in fact offered but a slender hope — Thus the prospect for meeting my heavy liabilities by gaining new colleagues to the enterprise, is very faint — After noon at the Co's Hse & factory — till late in the eve.

5th day 15th Attended at the Bank Directors Mg and made some attempt to see Jos. Grinnell but having been too much occupied when I

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saw him to attend to the subject of the Cotton mill but I did not meet him — Gave some personal attention to the Factory especially to the Dressing Room — & g. at the C.J. Hse.

6th. day 16th. Our D. Susan with her N.B. School mates and Rev. J.S.G. Abbott of the Seminary arr. about 7 Oclk — She is well except a slight cold and was overjoyed at being again with us — as we were delighted to see the dear child with us again — Mr. Abbott will make his home with the families of his pupils chiefly as I understand he was here after dinner and with us at tea — He is an excellent and amiable man — I saw J. Gimmell, but he says that he is pledged to another Co. for Cotton mach. now getting up so that I have no hope from this quarter — I gave some further attention to the machinery of the Dressing Room in the afternoon and after tea Mr. Abbott retiring early I finished the g. at the C.J. Room — the Entrance to which has been very inconvent. for the last 3 or 4 ds as the half of the 1st. Story is in process of alteration for a Store by lowering the floor about

2 ft. say 20 Inches set — it will be less inconvt. hereafter. as the timbers & under floor are now placed as intended — Our Dr. Mary seems rather less well for the two last days

7th day 17th At the Mg. room we before dinner — at wch. meal we had the Compy. of Wm. Abbott I left after dinner to see him again in the evg — he being our guest for the night — I came home a little after 9 & Dick and enjoyed his Compy. with the Family till the hour of retiring —

1st day 18th Our Guest has been very agreeably with us — after breakfast he left his family devotion — he accompanied me to Friends meeting — both there & after with me to dine at Geo. Harrey's and lodge at Jos. Perry's — Jos. Davis & Susan Howland preached at the Mg — the latter with her usual too dilated Stile — I went as did the Others of our family to the Cong. Ch. at 4th. St. to hear Wm. Abbott preach, his sermon was on the resurrection. Selected probably to console Dr. Reed & family who were there, and were comforted for their bereavement with the train of thought which he presented of the happiness of Glorified Spirits — May

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much to day been Chiefly in the Hist of the Reformation — Our Dear Mary quite sick abed — more feeble & feverish than of late thought perhaps better than a more comfortable than yesterday — Our hang'd leaches applied yesterday to alleviate the pain in her head — Mr Abbott call'd in the eve to look with the Girls through the Telescope the weather was cold — and the obser: not very satisfactory

2d day 19 with the Lunar Days returns my financial troubles — I rose early and rode into the Country in the hope of finding some funds which I might borrow but I did not succeed — returned to the Cy House with sad anticipations, and was there with the exception of Dinner till a late hour called on my way down to deposite my vote for Party Officers — Mr H. Howland in opposition to a man much better qualified was elected Mayor — the Democratic Party uniting with some whigs, & they many whigs to give him a majority.

3d day 20th Occupied Chiefly at the Cy House called on my Brother Wm to get his advice about the St Mill affairs he was very kind in making such suggestions as occurred to him which

he thought might be best under the circumstances but he could give no direct assistance — I was at H Robeson's C.J. Room to see Thos Wall mate of the Roscoe who was prosecuted by one of the Men in the Ship on her former voyage — maliciously as is believed — and by false testimony he was cast in the Sum of sixty Pds — The question was whether it Shd be paid by the Ship — — C.W. Morgan being out of town the matter was left undecided — I also gave Some time to a question referred to me by Hadwen & Barney — and Spent the afternoon & the rest of the forenoon as well as the evg at the C.J. Hse — where I was called upon by the Widow of James Gifford — relative to promise which she says I made but I was never so surprised — to yield the title of the House and lot which I built for her husband, and gave more than my own time and toil for her benefit — I was late at the C.J. house. Our Dear Mary continues very sick

4th day 21st Spent the time chiefly in my own C.J. House business — and was there till late at nights — Mary is no better

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5th. day 22. Went to the Cg. Hse, and to the Bank and devoted the rem. of the day to the duties of the Cg House — left early in the evg to attend a meeting of the trustees of Friends Acady at Uncle Wm's — The business was to consider whether the Trustees would engage Wm. P. Atkinson as principal, to commence in the Autumn & it was voted so to do — Our dear Mary is tho. to have had less fever to day — but she seems much prostrated — less local pains and soreness than yesterday but she takes no nourishment of consequence and her strength is much reduced.

6th. day 23d. Spent the day in attending to Cg. House duties — The Factory was stopped this afternoon the Coal which we procured temporarily to use till our Londonderry Cargo arrived not proving able to keep up the Steam — Our dear Mary seems better to day — less fever — and generally more, may the improvement continue to go forward till she is again restored to health and strength — I was at the Cg. Hse in the evg.

7th. day 24th. At the Cg. House most of the day came home before dinner to consult Sir regard to calling in Dr Jackson of Boston who came this forenoon to see Thos Nye who has been for some months in bad health — but Mary being aware

to it – the request was not made – She seems better to day the symptoms of Lung fever having much abated – after dinner I co. f. at the Fact. Cg Rm 1st day 25th. Went to mg. as usual in the day time and with Sue & Ellen Frank to hear Bishop Ecctleston in the evg. – called at mothers after the Service was over. – and found her very well Our Dear Mary seems to improve Slowly

2d day 26th. Rose early and after a solitary breakfast as usual, I went to the Read Road Depot, the Cg. the Bank Directors Mg &c. &c – Our experiments at the Factory with our temporary Supplies of Coal proved unsuccessful and after frequent Stops. gave up the trail at noon – Our Loco & Cars left in the evg – as our whf and we shall try again to morrow – These troubles are very annoying and together with financial Anxieties are very depressing – Our Dear Mary too Seems not quite so well to day which is an added affliction – but his evg. She seems more comfortable – May a merciful & kind Providence open a Source of relief from these multiplied distress Dr. Reed was here 3 times to day – Susans School mates returned this afternoon in the Cars to resume their Studies Susan remains behind in Consequence of her Sisters illness –

3d day 27th. Our Dear Mary had a comfortable night and appearances are more favorable

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to day — though the lack of appetite does not admit of increase of strength — She is very feeble — though pleasant & cheerful to transient observers. but I think She has had great discouragement, in regard to the issue of her very protracted indisposition which She has kept very much to herself — I have been very much occupied and absorbed by my very embarrassing business anxieties — I was late at the Cg. House —

4th. day 28th. The report from our D. Daughter for the night was favorable — I have been anxiously occupied by my business Cares till the Close of the afternoon mail — making pecuniary arrangements wh. were in part successful — Our dear Mary was re-moved from her own into her Mothers room where an open fire as well as a larger Space will give her a better air which I think is of the utmost importance — She was taken in in a deep cushioned Chair and did not seem much fatigued by the Change — but her cough was more troublesome after it and in her great debility, for She continues to take very little nourishment, it is very exhausting — I retired earlier than usual on acct. of my late hours last night — my wife and Sister

both attend. upon Mary —

5th day 29th. I have been much & unpleasantly occupied with my business affairs — which are peculiarly trying from the situation of our dear Mary who has been more comfortable to day apparently than yesterday, but without any improvement — I was with her some time in the afternoon — her mother and aunt devote themselves to her as do also all the others who can be useful — Harriet will sit up with her tonight —

6th day 30th. Our dear Mary remains about the same had a tolerable night — no abatement of the disease and of course much reduced — She is a model of patience very sweet and uncomplaining as she has always been through her long & distressing illness of 2 1/2 years standing — Dr. Read is here several times a day but his skill seems only availing to temporary mitigation of her sufferings — her mother attends upon her to night — I lodging in the adjacent dressing room to render such aid as may be in my power in case of need — The cares of business at the Factory & Cg Room prevented my being with her as I could wish day & eve.

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Our dear Mary has had an uncomfortable night and our anxieties experience no abatement — yet She is sweet and docile and uncomplaining, and even hopeful — Her symptoms not being particularly painful She fancies that She is better — D. Read does not feel entirely discouraged, in the forenoon he seemed to have considerable hope of raising her up again but in the afternoon he came with D. Spooner and — although he has not said anything to increase our fears, his manner appears to indicate doubt and apprehension — She seems tolerably comfortable this eve — as we are about retiring leave her in the Care of her aunt Phebe & Hetty Hussey who has kindly urged upon us her services as a nurse for the night in whose capability in that line we have much confidence — I have thought for some days that Vani was the help of Man and that if She is restored to health to God alone must be the praise — her mother who has been devoted to her through the day as well as the preceding night retires physically exhausted with watching and anxiety —

1st day 2m. Sister Phebe called at the nursery about 6 Oclk. when my dear wife was

perceiving to go to the Cave of our dear daughter to say that she thought our dear Mary was breathing more laboriously — we were both soon at her side, and found that it was so — but she was aroused from her rather unnatural sleep — and greeted us in her pleasant manner — but it was apparent that the fatal malady was fast undermining her wasted strength — but she wished the same sweetness which has been her characteristic. for to all our wishes in regard to medicine or drinks she yielded the most beautiful assent and acquiescence even when the effort must have been painful to her, evinced by the contraction of her expressions and the music of her intonations — We were all greatly distressed at the solemn prospect before us — and could not hide from her our emotions — She viewed it all with calmness and equanimity and heard the reply of her mother to the question which she put to her as to the opinion of the Doctor, that he did not think her any better and, that she feared they must soon be separated — with serenity, as though she had herself the same impression. — no agitation was evinced — her aunt & brother Edmund who was greatly agitated

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were very desirous that the Rev. Mr. Wilder should be sent for — To this I had no objection if it would be agreeable to the Dear Child. — and he was sent for and came about 9 O'clock — On his arrival it was found that she would like to see him and he came to the room — He had had several conversations with her in his previous visits to the house and had formed a very favorable opinion of her religious Character with which her whole deportment not only through her Sickness but for a series of years and particularly since the hemorrhage last Summer had been quietly and latently accordant. — and as she had until her ill health obliged her to absent herself from the Church been a diligent attendant and a Sabbath School teacher, and had avowed otherwise a strong predilection to the Episcopal Faith — He was desirous to administer the rite of baptism — He spoke to her mother and to me on the subject, stated his desire and the grounds of it — very delicately with reference to the different views held by the Society of which we were members, and his own — I told him that I had never felt it my duty to control the choice of my Children as to the form & peculiarities of the

different religious Sects. I was very solicitous that they Should be Spiritual members of the Church of Christ, & this point being gained I did not think that other things were very important, but was willing that each Should adopt that outward association which was most accordant with their judgment, as it w.d probably be most favorable to their Spiritual progress. — Such was the idea I meant to convey though in those moments of deep emotion the terms of expression were rather those of assent to his observations than any connected Statement of My own — As there was no objection on the part of myself & wife he mentioned the subject to her, stated his wish and desire, to which She meekly assented — whereupon he went through the Ceremony and then all kneeling he made an appropriate and beautiful prayer, to which with clasped & upraised hands She appeared to give an attention deeply devotional. — at its close, he continued for some time remarks of a consolatory nature on the mercy and loving kindness of the Almighty, his unalterable to be believed Providences, which we were bound, by the testimony of Scripture, as well as by the experienced faith of the best of Christians, to be dis-

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pened in mercy as well as wisdom, and that afflictions of sickness & death, if rightly considered and improved will prove to be our blessings in disguise — During the whole of his remarks she kept her eye on him in fixed attention, the high interests of the subject controlling for the time the languor of approaching death. — Mr. Wilbur took an affectionate leave to go perform his functions at the Church promising to come again at the close of the services — But she sunk evidently after he retired, her breath was short and laborious — Still she was quite conscious and returned the affectionate salutation of her brothers Ed^d & Frank her sisters, mothers & my own, enjoining on several of them not to forget her. — She clasped her hand in mine, in token of her affectionate recognition, and held it there till consciousness gradually ebbed away — I left her for a few minutes to go into the next room to speak to Sister Rebecca whose emotion was almost uncontrollable at finding her dear niece so near her end — I returned and found her emitting a mournful sound in her labored breathing — somewhat like the troubled sleep of the sick — The last

efforts of expiring nature, though I judged as I laid my hand on her beautiful forehead and laid my fingers on her closed eyelids, not attended with much if any conscious suffering — which soon ceased with her breath and all was still — no pain, no distortion, no struggle marked the moment when her pure Spirit ascended to its God. — Her grandmother, aunts Anna Eliza Rebecca & Susan were there, all agonized at the bereavement but consoled in the trust that our loss was her unspeakable gain — Mr. Wilder returned as he promised but being below stairs, and the attention of all so engaged about the dead was not reported to us, and he was not asked into her room — It w^d have been too late if known to administer to her consolation — but a prayer from him at that season of intense sorrow might have contributed to the comfort of us who were left behind —

He called at the close of the afternoon Service — and saw Edm^d in his room and the rest of us with my D^r mother in Sister's room, which in health and till the last few days, had been shared by our beloved Mary.

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where he commenced with us comfortably and closed the interviews with a prayer — My Mother & Sister Elida Webb with us all m. & Sisters Anna Rebecca & Susan were also through the afternoon & Eve — All of us parents children grandparents & Aunts feel the afflictions very keenly — Mary was so engaging in her manners. so kind in her disposition, so intelligent, conscientious, truthful, — that her character had a beauty and transparency, except as veiled by her modest appreciation of herself which shone in her sparkling countenance in health, and subdued expression when oppressed by the languor of disease and which won almost all hearts within the range of her acquaintance — To her own immediate family the sorrow is great indeed — her own dear brother Ed.d seems inconsolable her other brothers are deeply affected. Our Gentle Susan though alive, in an unusual degree to the consolations which Religion Faith supplies is deeply smitten. Our Sweet Ellen feels most keenly the pressure on her young and elastic Spirit. The Christian Spirit of her aunt who has always had for the dear child in Health & in Sickness a tenderness truly maternal — and our faithful Harriet of whom

almost as much maybe said are deeply bowed under this dispensation — To Her dear Mother — the loss is irreparable — But we must all seek consolation, in the trust that her Good Spirit is at rest in the arms of her Savior — and that by a faithful pursuance on our part of the Path of duty, we may be reunited to her in the abodes of Bliss —

2. day 3. Many of our own and Mary's friends have called to day — Our kind Sisters have with few exceptions received them — and given them a view of the beautiful remains as laid in the best Parlor Chamber, with a most lovely expression of countenance, which the cold embrace of death has yet had no power to destroy — Thompson has with the aid of E. S. Ritchie taken measures for preserving on Canvas his interesting features — I have been obliged to give some time to matters of business — and made an examination aided by my bro. Andw. of the Oak Grove, Rural & Family Cemeteries to judge which was most eligible as a resting place for the mortal remains of our beloved daughter — Dear D. Mother has been with us all day — and we find much comfort in her venerable presence and intelligent and kindly Sympathy through

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She is now in her ninetieth year

3. day 16th. Had a call from Ch. Grinnell by request as the organ of information respecting the Oak Grove Cemetery. and by appointment went with him as a Cttee. together with our three Sons to select a lot for the interment — bro Wm & sister Rebecca met us on the ground and we made Choice of No. 16 — Section 11 — bordering the West fence not far from the South end of the lot. bro Wm took No. 17 — I by request of my Sister Anna engaged for Andrews decision the lot adjacent on the South, No. 15 — and for Benj. Ellis No. 18 — and since coming home and recommend. to my mother the appropriation of No. 19 — as a suitable lot for the remains of my father & others of her family in case it shd be thought necessary, as it most probably will be, to remove them with those of my Grandparents and aunt from the family burial place, which is now too contiguous to the dwelling and business of the living — for holding calm communion over the ashes of the dead — this lot also has been secured — All of the family being now provided. if Andw & Benj shd approve of the selection with lots of this description —

mother & sister Eliza remain with us and our other sisters, except Sarah who is confined in nursing her own sick daughter at home — She has however called Several times — and many of our friends have called as have also a large number of our dear Mary's young friends and acquaintances to look again on the earthly form of one who was much and as it appears Widely beloved — Mr. Wildes had an interview with Edmund and with Ma chere Sister & the other Children —

4th day 5th. I have remained at home all day, nothing requiring my attention which could not be forborne — Mr. Ritchie called early in the day by appointment to ascertain about the interment — Edm. had a strong wish that it might take place this afternoon, and the reasons which induced the wish was Sympathised in by myself and most of the family — it was the fear that some change might take place which would mar the pleasing associations with her beautiful and placid remains. and to these reasons her dear mother reluctantly gave her assent — and accordingly it was so decided with Mr Ritchie — and Some of the necessary preliminaries were taken — None of our relations had then been in and we were not aware of any obstacle to the plan other than the short time to complete the preparations - at the house. But

on the arrival of Sisters Anna & Rebecca with bro A. the conclusion was made known to him, and without making any objection he went forward to do what it appeared had been previously concerted with our Fall River relations. to despatch a messenger thither — This he did without seeing Sister Anna — and when she understood the plan She was troubled at his absence lest he should not have forwarded the information and while measures were in train to effect the object if not already provided for by bro Andw bro B. arrived and on his judgment that the last ceremony had better be postponed — the design was changed and means taken to retract the report. which had been but very little spread — Wm & Robeson & any bro kindly acted in this as in other respects — We are very well satisfied with the final conclusion for there will not probably be anything to regret — and if not then will have been the gratification of many more later views of the placid & beautiful features which have in life so often and so long, as the fit exponents her lovely Character, cheered and brightened the hearts of her family & numerous friends. We had a call from the Rev. Mr Dixon who came from Trenton Specially to see us at the prompting of his strong feelings

of affectionate regard for our beloved daughter and of sympathy for us in our bereavement - Mr. Wilder called with him - who was here again in the afternoon - many others of our friends were in. - Sister Susan was detained at home by the indisposition of her little Son. - Sister Lydia from Fall River my niece Martha from Boston - Mary Rotch who returned, hastened by the intelligence from Newyork - Sister Sarah Joanna Rotch & Emily & many others repeated their visits. & may wife saw a considerable number of them - Georgiana Riddle who came from Boston - My mother and Sister E. remain with us. I read to them (and part of it to our daughters) the beautiful memoir of Ann L. Bonstelle, a sweet child of Sixteen who died in 1835 at Plymouth - it is a beautiful illustration of the mercy & goodness of our Heavenly father through the celestial influences of Religion when not distorted by a false faith which I think is often the case among highly professing Christians -

5th day 6th The eventful day which was to hide from our view the beautiful mortal remains of our beloved Mary has come and gone! - We have experienced on this as well as

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the memorable days preceding the kindest sympathy of Relatives & friends — They have shown the most earnest desire to alleviate to the extent of their power the load of sorrow which has oppressed us — Sisters Anna Rebecca & Susan have spent all the time they could spare from their respective families. & Sister Eliza & my dear aged Mother have been with us night and day — My brothers have been devoted to us where they saw an opportunity of promoting our comfort or convenience. — and their recollections like those of former occasions of bereavement will add strength to those ties of love which naturally result from the common bonds of sympathy & interest — My Sister Lydia in all the ardor of her affectionate and sympathetic heart has been with us most of the day — her Husband & daughter arrived Saturday 29th — My dear Sarah has frequently left the Sick room of her own dear daughter to attest her deep sympathy with us — May She be mercifully spared a similar affliction! — many of our and Mary's friends repeated their calls — The beautiful remains

took none of their touching intent to the last, and we took our final leave of them from 12 to 2 Oclk — The sweet impression of placid Serenity which has marked her lovely countenance, since death has passed its Shade over it, and which, as our friend Lu. Sara Howland, deceased, seemed an evidence that her pure Spirit had ascended to the Regions of bliss, therefore remains on our memories unimpaired by the tokens of decay. That marble brow, gently closed eyes, and lips that seemed still eloquent of refinement and Sensibility & love, will still live in our imagination & be associated with the pure Spirit which has taken its flight to Heaven. — All Necessary arrangements having been made internally, or within doors, by our Sisters & Harriet, and without, by our brothers and Mr Ritchie & S.G. Morgan — our brother Edmund having to our great Satisfaction arrived from Newyork this morning, — at 3 in Oclk. our friends collected, at 3 ¾ the Rev. Bro. Hobbes came in and performed the Services prescribed in the Episcopal Ch. in a very appropriate manner — and a little after 4 we took our Seats in the Carriages which were to form the Funeral

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Procession. Wm. Wilder riding in the 2d Carriage with Sister Phebe Thomas Frs. & Ellen, Wm. Ed. going with mother & Sister Eliza in the 3d — on arriving at the Oak Grove Cemetery — Mr. Wilder alighted, as did the bearers, John A. Kasson William Baker ~~Walter Mitchell~~ John C. Mitchell John B. Hussey Joshua Stone and John A Hawes — and preceded the Carriages on foot through the winding avenue which led to the Spot selected for the resting place of all that was mortal of our dear dear Mary — There Mr. Wilder concluded, in an impressive and appropriate manner, the Funeral Service: many of our friends alighting from the Carriages and Standing round the Grave the while. — The procession then moved forward and wended its slow and solemn way from the quiet rural Spot, in Sweet Natures living Shade which the (Mary) loved so well, which is henceforth to be consecrated by the memories of our two Marys and our darling Charles, of our venerable father Prior and of others of our fam'y. and friends who may there find a resting place for their earthly remains when the discipline of life shall be over, in near proximity to the Spot selected by our brothers, and venerable Parents, who still survives to instruct and comfort us, to be hereafter similarly hallowed. On reaching home our brothers & Sisters who were not

restrained by sickness in their families, or prevented by the necessity of leaving town for home — all visited with us and were with us at tea & in the evg. My dear wife and children except Thos. & Jos. returning immediately to their private apartments where they were visited by the Rev. Mr. Wilder in the evg., he having stopped a few minutes in P. on returning to the house — Sister Lydia & husband and daughter set off for Fall River about 6 O'Clk — and our other brs. & Sisters left us before 9 — that we might retire early and gain from Sleep some restoration of strength wasted by sorrow and exhaustion. Our dear mother & sister Olive remaining with us — Thus has this afflictive dispensation passed over us — painful in the extreme but not without many mitigations from preceding and attendant circumstances & the consolations of Religious Trust — May it be our earnest endeavor by parents and children to realize by watchfulness, recollection and prayer the full measure of benefit which in the wisdom of a beneficent and overruling Providence it is designed to administer. — So that we may have the assurance both in the remaining portions of this earthly existence with which we may be favored, and at its close that these afflictions, and those to which the dear object of our affection was visited with, shall have proved

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for her who has departed and for us who still linger behind, a far more important and eternal weight of Glory —

6th day 7th — We have had a quiet day. Sisters Anna & Rebecca have been in, also our niece Martha Tucker & B. S. Rotch who returns to Boston this afternoon, Chs. Rundell, Walter Mitchell & probably some others — We feel very sensibly the loss of our dear Mary, but it is a chastening and I hope a salutary Sorrow — Fred & Chas. visited the Grave to day and found that some of Mary's female friends had been there — I was at the Factory Office a short time in the afternoon — I was most of the day with my Dr Mother & Sister E in the Library — the others dividing the time between this and their private apartments — all taking our meals together —

7th day 8th I have spent this day at home — with different members of the family including my dr Mother & Sister Elkins, — in reading and reflection, — Quite a number of our relations & friends have been in to manifest their Sympathy & Condolence — And'w & Anna Ch.s & Sarah Elkins Drinker. Wm. & Russell — and three of our dear Mary's most intimate young friends Elvira Perry. Abby Haseey & Sally Russell — Geo Hussey &

Br. Edmunds will remain with us till Friday next which is very satisfactory to us. He had expected to return this afternoon — Several affectionate letters of Condolence & Sympathy have been rec.d — One from Mrs. Sarah Fisher & one from Mary Underhill — Mr. Thompson called to make some enquiries with reference to the portrait of our Dear Mary — Would that my engagements, which have been now interrupted by this melancholy bereavement and to which I must soon return, permit that quiet in-dwelling that leisure for Special reflection which would be so genial to the feelings under existing circumstances and so favorable to Spiritual progress — But as this cannot at present be, may that Heavenly grace be sought after and experienced which will counteract the effects of pressing Secular cares, so as to keep the mind and the heart open and alive to those sweet influences which come from Heaven and to Heaven tend — so that while immersed, apparently, in the duties and engagements of this fleeting Scene, I and mine, who have this Solemn admonition to be in readiness for that higher & enduring mode of being on which we trust our dear Mary has entered — may we

daily know an advancement in those [gifts] & graces which are graciously accorded to the watchful & the waiting, and which will fit us for a happy reunion with the loved ones who have gone before us to the realms of bliss.

1st day 9th We have passed a quiet day all at home, except bro Ed. who was at Friends Mg. in the forenoon — and except a visit in the afternoon by Mr. Chase & Sister, Susan Ellen & Myself in mothers Carriage to Mary's Grave — where we spent half an hour in Serious and interesting thought — Several other parties were at the Cemetary tho' we chose the hour least likely to be so surrounded by others — On returning I many other parties were out — among them were Ch. Randall and E. Russell & Abby Hussey — who were probably wending their way to the Spot which we had left — The place seemed very congenial to the appropriation — and to the thoughts which cluster round the memories of the loved ones who have left us. — We had calls from my brothers and several of my Nephews — J. Arnold wife & daughter Wm. & Mrs Wildes & others — The family Dear few of them, as it was more de-

desirable to spend the day in retirement — of those they have ever our Cousin Smiths who are about to leave home for a journey of some months —

2d. day 10 I resumed to day my accustomed employments with a heavy heart — The perplexities and anxieties of my position and business return upon me with added force, under the Shade of our great domestic affliction — May a kind Providence grant an issue from them — Our mother & Sister Elizas are yet with us — but their proposed departure hitherto postponed by our wishes to obtain them will probably take place to-morrow. Brd. Ed. left us this afternoon — Many of our female friends have called & D. Reed & Ch. Randall were here in the ev'g —

3d. day 11th. I have been at the Office and Factory most of the day — Our dear mother and Sister Elizas who have been so kindly with us left us after tea — we shall miss them much — The family circle to its own members now seemed by the absence from, on sight but not from our mind of our dear Mary — would that the anxieties of my present position in business permitted more full indulgence of the feelings connected with the sweet memory of the dear Child — and a less divided atten

tion to that morality and religion which is the only reliance for happiness here as well as in the Spiritual world which She has gone before us — The Ship Rodman arrived to day from the Pacific Ocean with 4/5 of a full cargo of Oil, which is very good voyage for these times — She was brot from the outer bay by the Steam Boat Newton, otherwise She could not have got in to day — Uncle Wm & Aunt Lydia and others of our friends were here — C. H. Morgan & Rodman in the co. 4th day 12th Occupied at the Q House through the day — return to all the meals of the family now reduced to its particular members — which makes the absence of our dear Mary deeply felt — we have had calls and some Sympathetic letters from absent friends — One from Abby Osgood who was Marys Assistant at the Academy now employed in Boston of unusual interest — She is a woman of fine qualities of head & heart as well as a very Excellent teacher, and seems to have had a high appreciation of our dear M. from Childhood — I called to see Mother — W. & Wm. Wilbur and D. Read were here in the eve — My business anxieties press heavily in addition to my domestic Sorrows. But there seems to be no other way than to go forward with

all the care and prudence which I am capable of and hope for a happy issue from them through the blessing of that over-ruling Providence whom it is our highest Wisdom to discern as guiding though too little heeded and often unseen in the affairs of Men.

5th. Day 13th. Spent the day at the Factory Cg. Ate chiefly — walked to my grass lots before breakfast and passed through the Cemetary now so strongly associated with our loved Mary — I saw only one other person there — Called to see Mother who is not quite well — otherwise it was her intention to be with us to day — We see this eg. the profile which Benj S Rotch mentioned to us as having been cut by him several years since of our dear Mary — we think it very successful & recalls the sweet modest graceful child very vividly to our imaginations — Mr. Thompson will be aided by it in the portrait which he is painting — Chs. Newhall was here in the eg and offered to take it to-morrow to his room. Several of our friends have made sympathetic visits

6th. day 14th. Spent the forenoon in business relating to the factory, and after dinner went to John A. Parkers House to attend the funeral Services consequ

or the Sudden death of his wife from a disease of the heart — She was Spoken of by the Officiating Clergymen Rev. L Holmes & M. Howe as an Exemplary Christian as well as that she was more widely known to be a very worthy and kind woman in the various Social & Domestic relations which She held — At the Close the Services I went to the C.G House and was there till near 1 O Clk.

7th day 15th Left home by Railroad for Fall River to see after my business there — and was busily occupied with reference to it and to our factory machinery & arrangements examining the Metacomet Mill more carefully and thoroughly than on any former occasion — The necessity of going on with my wharf when financial difficulties press so heavily upon me fill me with discouragement and gloomy forebodings — and yet it seems proper to make the effort to meet and if possible Surmount them, and hoping through the Divine blessing on my endeavors to have a Successful issue from the darkness which in business relations rests upon the future — I was most of the afternoon at the Pocasset C.G. Room and Spent half an hour at my Sisters and took my evg meal before Setting off (about 7 O Clk) for home where I arrived in my wagon in which Grace Francis

has been sent $ for a pair of Oxen for loading my
Wharf Stones, about 10 Cords — On getting home
I found that my dear mother had Dined & finished
the day with the family - who also had vis-
its of condolence from Several of our friends
- among them one from Rachel Howland of
a very acceptable character — I was sorry
to find that our Frank had taken cold while
at work upon the Work Shop which he is build-
ing in the yard, which produced a local inflam-
mation for which Dr Peace was called in - He
does not consider it serious — Thos. gives his
attention to him to night.
1st day 16th Attended meeting and passed
the day at home with the exception of
a call at Mothers in the afternoon. Frank
has been quite unwell with his organic
inflamation which will probably confine
him to his bed for Several days — he has
derived some relief this eve. from the
application of leeches which I trust
will be permanently beneficial We
have had calls from Wm & Anna Roberson
and Chr Randall & Mary Gifford. Sue
& Ellen took an early walk to the Cem-
etary — and the quietude and release from
Secular cares have afforded a favora
ble opportunity for reflection on the topics

kindred or connected with past events & circumstances associated with our beloved Mary — may they have a Salutary influence over all our future lives

2d. day 17th Went to the C.J. House before breakfast, and devoted the day to business cases — called after dinner at Mothers principally to see my Sister Lydia who made a sympathetic call at our house this forenoon They with her husband Mary & Julia expect to leave home on 4th. day eve in the new Fall River & N York Steam boat on her first trip — to make a visit at Wakefields & Phil.a &c — I was at home in the eve — Frank is better to day — I had a letter by the Hibernia from B. Rotch respecting the Factry Chimney — but it contained nothing from which its value can be presumed — the preliminary measures to secure the benefit before making it public not having been taken through in train —

3d. day 18th At the C.J. House before breakfast and there and at the Factory &c chiefly through the day — and I was obliged to protract my stay till late in the eve — made a call at

mothers after dinner — and put my new lamps for burning Phila Whale Oil into the hands of Wood brightmen Ho for trial they having assisted me in getting it up as well as in the artistical or mechanical department — I am of the opinion that the new burner is the best for Light Houses Street lamps &c for Sp^ti Oil which has been invented — and we have the plan of securing it by patent under consideration — The light which it makes from ~~Sp^ti~~ R. W. Oil is hard by inferior, when it has become heated by the action, to that given by the best Argand or Solar lamps from Sp^ti Oil so far as my experience with it has yet gone. — Frank is better the local inflamation having considerably subsided but he is yet in bed — Ma chen H. had a visit from Mrs. Wilcox, Eliza Mitchell &c —

4th day Spent the day chiefly in C.J. Hoe duties — called at mothers — C.J. at home being somewhat unwell with a cold — Frank seems to gain very slowly

5th day 20. Went to the C.J. Hoe before breakfast and spent the forenoon till late dinner from there — my cold & sore throat induced me to remain at home the rest of the day, employed in looking over the Boston advertiser for some

Months past — which have not had opportunity to examine in course — Found little of interest — Wars news appearing to be the Chief Contents from which I turn with sad feeling. The details of which have no interest for me — There were however two articles of intent wch I had not before seen — viz the Accot of the christian heroism of the Spanish Captain who rescued the Survivors of the wreck of the Steamer Tweed in the West Indies — and a letter from Geo Sumner to Josiah Quincy Mayor of Boston written from Paris — giving an accot of the unequivocal benefits of the Phil° over the Auburn Penitentiary System — refuting by the experience of 23 different establishments in France the unfavorable reports which have gone forth from this Country viz the Reports of the Prison Discipline Society &c of the effects of the Solitary System on the health both of mind & body — proving that facts there alleged are true they are to be explained from the maladministration of the System rather than by any inherent defects in the System itself. Our Fr. has had rather a poor day more general fever, and some pain in the head which was partially relieved by several turns of bleeding at the nose.

6th day 21st Remained at home through the day in consequence of my cold & sore throat — looked over the papers &c & attended to some business matters and to meteorological abstracts for Washington the remr of the day — four months being in arrear — I having found my sons a poor dependence for effecting this service, as I have in times past found that such was the case with them as well as my Clerks whom I have tried to enlist in making the averages of my notes for the period between 1835 & 1842, when Espy's visit induced me to keep the register on a new plan — Fr. we think is better. Sister E called & C W. Morgan spent the ev'g with me —

7th day 22d Finished my weather tables for the finished months of the present year, and devoted the remr of the day chiefly to bringg down my monthly abstracts in the appropriate book from 3m 1835 — the work was mostly prepared down to 1837 by the aid partly of others, but from this time to 1842 11m: I have all of the Calculations to make which will be a tedious process. I must try however to accomplish it, to make my long Series of notes useful or convenient for reference — My cold continues to be troublesome but I think it is improving — Fr. also better. he had his clothes on to day, Sister Eliza was in, & others to see my wife — Sister Anna Called Yesterday —

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1st day 23. My cold is better, remained at home all day, had a sympathetic call from my aunt Mary, whose health is very poor, and I fear is increasingly so — And. Robeson dined & sp. eve. Hussey and Sally Hammond & Ch. Randall were also here — the Children & their aunt were at Grace Church in the forenoon — Fan. is also better having been up nearly all day — His room — which Mo. has assigned to him since his sickness has been the chief point of concentration to day we have dwelt much on the event of this day 3 weeks and its associations of deep & solemn interest may we derive due improvement from the solemn dispensation

2. day 24th Went to the Cs Hse and Bank after Breakfast and remained chiefly at the Factory Office & Cs Room till dinner, when I came home and finding myself too much unwell to go out again as it rained a little I occupied myself with making out the averages of my meteorological notes for 1837 through the afternoon and eve — Though considerably troubled with pain in the head

3. day 25th The pain in my head prevented my sleeping well last night occasioned as it was by a considerable fever Dr. Read was therefore called in the morng and I was put upon

the Sick list,

4th day 26 — confined alday yesterday & to day to my bed — fever abated and hope to be better soon

5th day 27th Less well than I hoped to be — a wearisome day after a poor night a good deal of pain in the head. Removed into Thos Room N.E. Chamber 3 Story — from which Frank has within a day or two become enlarged — Sister Eliza & Bro Benj. have been here almost every day since my confinement — had some consultation and took measures for raising the Surface of the Cemetary lots — had a call from D. R Peirce on the Subject of renov & replacg the fence to Taylor on Smith St — We hear daily from our Niece Isabel Morgan through D. Read & others — She seems to be fast wearing out

6th day 28th Remain much the same Still confined to my bed with head ache but not much fever — The accounts from Isabel Morgan this morn. forbid the hope that she would survive the day — in the forenoon she seemed fast sinking into the arms of death — She seemed aware of her situation and several times asked for dear mother, who

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her watched over her with the utmost tenderness and anxiety Since She & Charles brot her prostrated from Mrs Sedgwick's Sch. at Lenox about two months Since. — to kiss her — between 2 & 3 Oclk it was thought She became insensible to external things & to physical Suffering, though She continued to breathe till near 11 Oclk this ev^g — It was a heartrending Scene to her weeping relatives who surrounded the wasted form of one so young and lovely and pure. — so painfully protracted to them. — though not to her. — In this respect the Scene was unlike that in our dear Mary's Case when the taper of life from comparative brightness and beauty flickered a few moments and was gone! Isabel too was a sweet innocent and lovely Child the idol of her fond parents, whose hopes were high from the developement of her dawning intellect — She was too young (4y) to attain that beautiful Symetry of Character Mind & heart which had in

Spirit so widely an affectionate interest in our dear daughter — But I trust they are now companions in that blessed State which is promised to the pure in heart — Bro. Benj. was here this afternoon —

4th day 29th. Still confined to my bed with a little fever & Headache —

1st day 30th. — I sat up the latter part of the afternoon & eve — in the hope of thereby preparing for a better night — had a call from Isaac Francis Bro. Benj. Jr. & A.G. Sull. —

2d. day 31st — Sat up nearly all the day and eve — dictated Several letters before I rose — and wrote Several others afterward — occupied in looking over the papers the rem. of the time & eve and in reading part of two discourses by the Rev Orville Dewey on the "Law of Retribution" which I am much pleased with.

3. day 6mo. 1 — Spent the day below Stairs read carefully the two discourses mentioned in my note of yesterday — and my impres-

sion of their extraordinary merit is fully confirmed - my head Ache has not yet entirely left me
4th day 2d wrote several business letters looked over a part of the book of Genesis and the papers of the day - had considerable pain in my head but partook of more Solid food, having hitherto confined myself to liquids - at 4 - ¼ - Our Sister Phebe and the Children went to Chas. to participate in the Solemnities of Isabels funeral - My wife and I passed the time thus occupied by others in our library Sympathising though not present in the mournful Scene - for a Ch. the recollections of this day One month were a no discordant preparative - Our friend Jno. H. Morrison came from Milton to officiate and he performed the Services as reported by those who were present in a very feeling and appropriate manner alluding very touchingly to the Similar bereavement which had recently been experienced in another branch of the family circle

— He was somewhat intimate at our house during his residence in New Bedford and knew and appreciated our dear Mary — He made my wife a sympathetic and very acceptable visit, when he was in town two or three weeks since. — I always considered him as a very true & sincere hearted man as well as a ripe Scholar and of superior talents — Benj.n S. Rotch who came from Boston to attend the funeral by the mid-day train, to day, called on us in the ev.g —

5th day 3d — Remained at home till about 11 O'Clk when I went with my daughter Susan to the Cemetary in our Buggy & after walking there an hour and meditating over the Spot hallowed by the remains of our Dear Mary — over which the grass was springing and blooming with the beautiful Anaphalis which kind & sympathetic hands had strewn

thereon as observed with emotion by those who formed the melancholy procession of yesterday - the opening probably of her Uncle Benj: a who has kindly given his attention to causing the adjacent ground to be put in a form appropriate to the use to which it is now consecrated - We returned home and I went to the Wharf and Factory - and took a hasty Survey of the proceedings there in Setting up the new Engine &c - which seems to have been thus far done in a very satisfactory manner & I earnestly hope that there may be finally a happy issue from the long of trouble disappointment and financial anxieties to which I have been long subjected - returned to a late dinner after Stopping at the Bridge where they are at work in deepg. the Draw with the Dredg. machine - Remained at home the rest of the day - Sisters Anna & Elizabeth